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# News Release

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### **Stoughton Utilities celebrates 50th anniversary of Safe Drinking Water Act during Drinking Water Week**

Stoughton Utilities joins communities across North America in celebrating Drinking Water Week, an annual observance led by the [American Water Works Association](#). Taking place May 5-11 this year, Drinking Water Week serves to highlight the importance of safe drinking water and recognize the tireless efforts of local water professionals who ensure its availability. This year's observance coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA).

Passed in 1974, the SDWA set strong water quality standards for the nation's drinking water and established a regulatory framework to safeguard the public health and safety of U.S. citizens. Stoughton Utilities recognizes the act's significant contributions to improving and protecting water quality and emphasizes the need for continued investment and scientific evaluation to address emerging challenges.

Through collaborative efforts with government agencies, community partners and dedicated volunteers, Stoughton Utilities has played a crucial role in advancing the objectives of this landmark legislation.

"The people of the United States enjoy some of the world's best drinking water, and the Safe Drinking Water Act helps make that possible," said David LaFrance, CEO of the American Water Works Association. "Over the past 50 years, the SDWA has provided a consistent, scientific process for evaluating potential risks, inspired innovative solutions to water quality concerns, and provided consumers with confidence in the safety of our most vital resource. A safe and well-managed water supply is foundational to our health, well-being and overall quality of life."

To celebrate Drinking Water Week, water utilities, water organizations, government entities, environmental advocates, schools, and others throughout North America will help children and consumers of all ages understand how water is protected, cleaned, and delivered throughout their communities. Water utilities and others mark the occasion by hosting engaging events like educational fairs, contests, facility tours, interactive demonstrations and more.

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The Stoughton Water Utility was founded in 1886 and has been providing the City of Stoughton with clean, safe drinking water for over one hundred and thirty five years.

### **About Drinking Water Week**

For several decades, AWWA and its members have celebrated Drinking Water Week, a unique opportunity for both water professionals and the communities they serve to join together in recognizing the vital role water plays in daily lives. Free materials for download and additional information about Drinking Water Week are available on the Drinking Water Week [webpage](#).