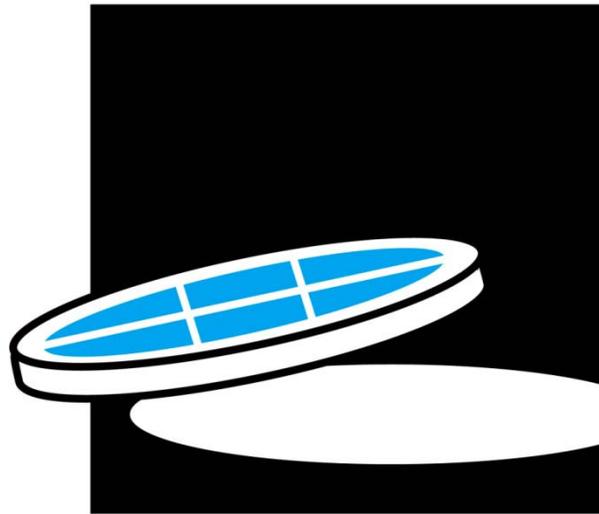
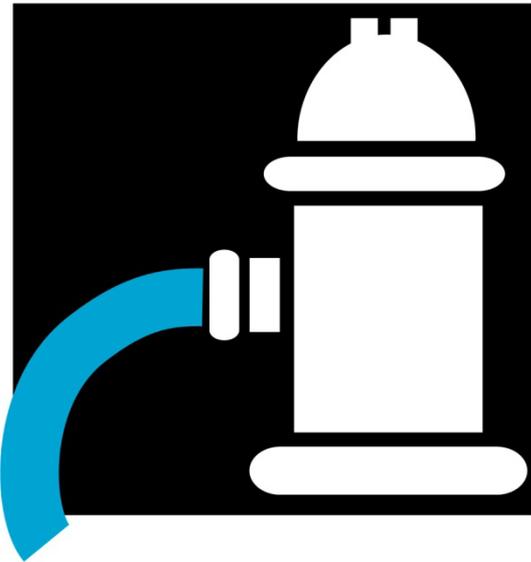
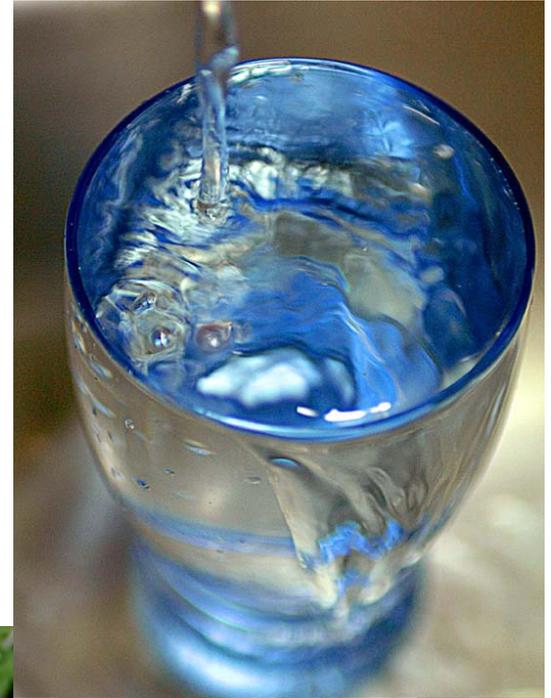


PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY



*RESPECT YOUR
PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM*

Water, You Can't Go a Day Without it!



Seward Public Water System Serves *YOU!*

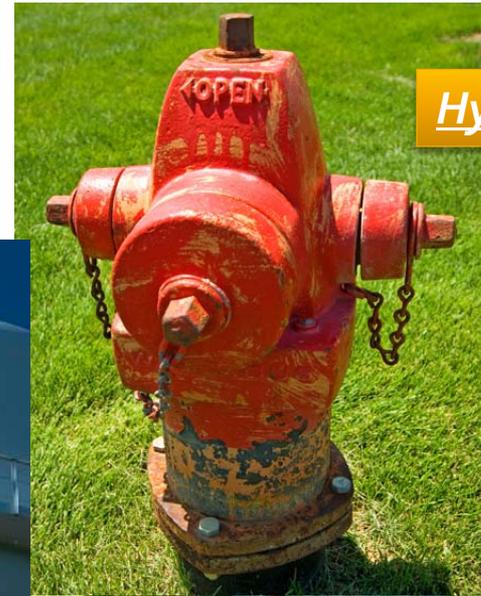


How Does the System Provide Water?

- Many structures and components:

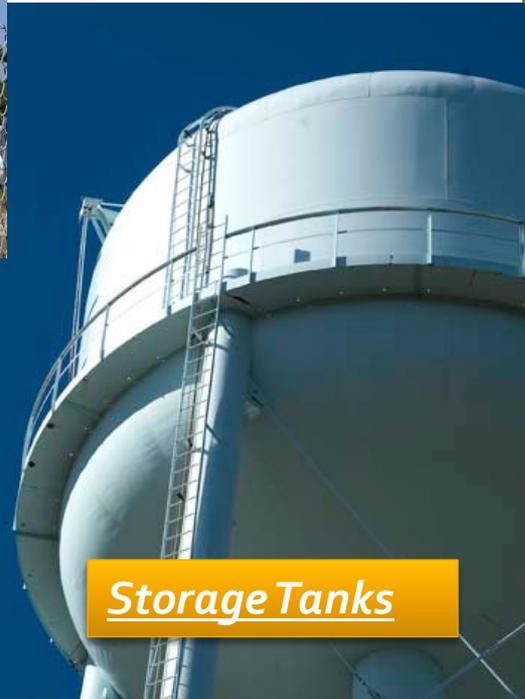
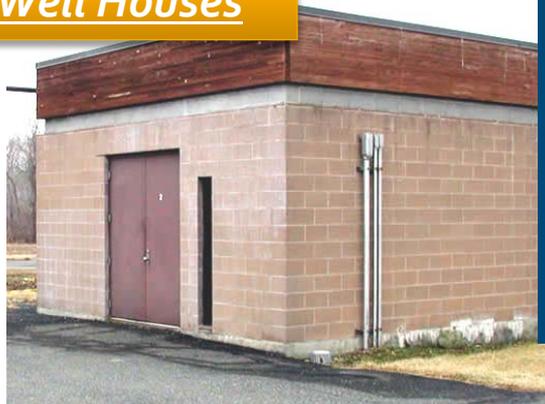


Treatment Facilities



Hydrants

Well Houses



Storage Tanks



Distribution Pipes

Protect & Respect These Structures

- *Observe signs and do not trespass!*



Protect & Respect These Structures



- Do not hang out *ON* or in the immediate vicinity of:
 - Storage tanks
 - Wells
 - Treatment plant

Protect & Respect These Structures

- Report Suspicious Behavior
 - Vandalism
 - Graffiti
 - Tampering



What Happens When a Water System is Tampered With?

- Considered a *contamination THREAT*
 - Trespassing, Vandalism, etc.
- Taken *EXTREMELY* seriously; **MUST** be investigated by law enforcement & many other agencies
- **Deliberate contamination of a water system is a significant public health concern for the entire community!**



Case Study – Jamestown, Wyoming

- Two boys played on water tower – created a suspicious scene → *considered a potential contamination THREAT*
 - Ignored signs
 - Trespassed
 - Tampered with the structure

Case Study – Jamestown, Wyoming

- Substantial time, money, & personnel exerted to resolve threat
 - Agencies Involved:
 - Local & County Law Enforcement
 - Local & County Health Department
 - Federal Environmental Protection Agency
 - County Attorney's Office
- Huge consequences that could have been easily avoided

Legal Consequences

- Recently, tampering with a public water system was **elevated to a federal offense**, punishable by:
 - Fines up to \$1 Million
 - 20 Years in Prison

(US CODE Title 42, Section 300i-1)

Take Home Message

- Respect & Obey Signage
- Do not hang out *ON* or in the immediate vicinity of storage tanks, wells, or treatment plants
- Evidence of tampering is taken *EXTREMELY* seriously; **MUST** be investigated by law enforcement & many other agencies
- Substantial time, money, & personnel exerted to resolve threats