

WATER RINGS



Water for People

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Did you know that around the world there are almost 1.1 billion people with no access to safe drinking water? Or that there are about 2.4 billion people without access to any form of improved sanitation services? Or that almost 6,000 people, mostly children, die each day from diseases associated with lack of safe drinking water, inadequate sanitation or poor hygiene?

Water for People (WFP) is an organization working to solve these problems. Founded in 1991 by the American Water Works Association (AWWA), WFP's mission is to help the most impoverished people worldwide improve their quality of life by supporting sustainable drinking water, sanitation and hygiene projects. To date, WFP has sponsored over 400 projects in 37 countries in Africa, Asia, Central and South America and Central and Eastern Europe. Teaching hygiene practices and helping people in developing countries understand the relationship between germs and disease are also important in saving lives.

Water For People provides the financial and technical resources for villagers to dig wells, install pipes and put in neighborhood tapstands so women and children don't have to walk miles to scoop out dirty river water to drink and cook with. Depending on the community's need, WFP may help residents build latrines to contain waste and stop the spread of disease-causing bacteria.

The North Wales Water Authority is a supporter of Water for People and in 2001 three projects in India and one in Honduras benefited from our contributions as well as those of other members of the Pennsylvania section of the AWWA. Two of the projects in India built wells and latrines at schools. For a relatively small investment, many were helped. For example, \$1,970 provided wells and latrines for 377 students and staff at the schools in one project. The picture below shows the end result of work done.



YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Question: *My stainless steel flatware is becoming spotted and is starting to stain, why?*

Answer: There is nothing in the water supply that will cause this and there is probably nothing wrong with your dishwasher. However, stains, spotting and pitting found on the surface of flatware can be caused by a number of factors. Here are a few suggestions that may help prevent this problem from occurring.

Flatware and utensils that will be standing for several hours, or longer, prior to machine washing should be rinsed thoroughly. Direct and prolonged contact with foods such as table salt, vinegar, mayonnaise, milk products, salad dressings, tomatoes, fruit juices, seafood and butter can tarnish flatware.

Separate items carefully when loading the flatware basket. Never put dissimilar metal items in your dishwasher in the same compartment. Direct contact between stainless steel, steel, chrome and aluminum utensils can cause damage due to electrolysis. Avoid cramming utensils into the basket to allow water to reach all surfaces. This insures each piece is properly washed, rinsed and drained.

Always avoid any contact between flatware and detergent when filling dispensers. Detergent that adheres to soiled or damp flatware can result in contact corrosion that will appear as blackish spots or pits.

Similar staining and discoloration may also occur on stainless steel and aluminum cookware washed in an automatic dishwasher.

Scholarship Applications

We are now accepting applications for our scholarship program through May 1st. This is the second year that the North Wales Water Authority is offering this beneficial program.

The program offers both an undergraduate scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 and a graduate scholarship in the amount of \$4,000.

These scholarships are available to customers of the Authority who are

pursuing a degree in a field applicable to the water supply industry. Also, applicants shall have completed 50 credits of undergraduate work with a minimum GPA of 2.5 at an accredited 4-year institution.

For more information, requirements and an application, please log onto our website at www.nwwater.com and click on KidsZone/Scholarships or call our public relations department at 215-699-4836.

NWWA Supports New Watershed Association

In January 2002, the newly formed North Branch Watershed Association (NBWA) elected a Board of Directors. This election was the culmination of year long efforts to bring together citizens, local government officials, and regulatory agencies with the common goal of protecting the water quality in the North Branch Neshaminy Creek Watershed. A Growing Greener Grant from the state of Pennsylvania aided the organization of the group.

In 2001, the group held regular meetings to discuss the issues that were affecting the health of the watershed. Guest speakers addressed various topics including "How to Organize a Nonprofit Group" and "Restoring Riparian Buffers". The NBWA also held a successful stream cleanup in which over 2000 pounds of debris was pulled from the creek near Rt. 202.

The value of the North Branch Neshaminy Creek as a resource is

immense. The North Branch Creek, augmented with water diverted from the Delaware River, serves as the source water for the Forest Park Treatment Plant. Over 80% of the water that we deliver to our customers is treated at Forest Park. The North Branch flows into Lake Galena in Peace Valley Park, which is both a popular regional recreational park and an important reserve of natural areas. Protecting this resource requires the cooperation of many different groups and organizations. The NBWA offers an opportunity for concerned citizens to participate in this effort.

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at Peace Valley Nature Center. New members are needed to help form committees and learn more about the issues affecting this watershed. For more information about the Association or NWWA's source water protection efforts, contact Kelly Kendall-Kelly at 215-699-4836.

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