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**NARUC & State Utility Regulators Join the EPA to Promote “Fix a Leak Week”
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WASHINGTON (March 14, 2022) — As part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s ongoing *We’re for Water* campaign, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and its member state utility commissions support this year’s Fix a Leak Week campaign to encourage Americans to help put a stop to the nearly 1 trillion gallons of water wasted from household leaks each year.

Sponsored by the EPA’s WaterSense® program, Fix a Leak Week is an annual program observed during the third week of March. During this year’s campaign, from March 14 through 20, educational materials, resources, videos, games and more will be shared across multiple platforms to highlight the importance of locating, correcting and avoiding costly leaks.

“NARUC and its members are committed to building awareness of the importance of reducing waste and ensuring that water is accessible and safe for everyone,” said Commissioner Maria S. Bocanegra, a member of the Illinois Commerce Commission and chair of NARUC’s Committee on Water. “As a WaterSense partner, we are encouraging consumers in every community to find and fix leaks to help save water.”

To save water for future generations, WaterSense asks consumers to “check, twist and replace,” respectively: **leaks** (e.g., dripping faucets, showerheads, sprinklers and other fixtures), **hose and pipe connections** and, if necessary, **fixtures** (WaterSense-labeled models are independently certified to use 20 percent less water and perform as well as or better than standard models).

In many cases, fixture replacement parts pay for themselves quickly and can be installed as a DIY project or by plumbing professionals. Irrigation professionals certified through a WaterSense-labeled program can also check systems for leaks. WaterSense-labeled products or a local auditor can be found at www.epa.gov/watersense.

NARUC has supported the program since 2008 and at its 2020 NARUC Winter Policy Summit in Washington, D.C., passed a resolution urging all of its members to endorse this EPA initiative. That resolution is available at <http://bit.ly/NARUC2020fixaleakweek>.

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About NARUC

NARUC is a non-profit organization founded in 1889 whose members include the governmental agencies that are engaged in the regulation of utilities and carriers in the fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. NARUC’s member agencies regulate telecommunications, energy, and water utilities. NARUC represents the interests of state public utility commissions before the three branches of the federal government.

About WaterSense

WaterSense, a partnership program sponsored by EPA, seeks to protect the future of our nation’s water supply by offering people a simple way to use less water with water-efficient products, new homes, and services. Since the program’s inception in 2006, WaterSense has helped consumers save trillions of gallons of water and billions in water and energy bills. For more information, visit www.epa.gov/watersense.