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## DuPage Water Commission and Customers Host Fix a Leak Week Events

Date: March 22, 2010

On March 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, DuPage Water Commission Water Conservation and Protection Program together with Itasca and Westmont held two events supporting EPA WaterSense Fix a Leak Week.

At these events residents were given the opportunity to play water related activities, learn about water conservation practices, and win water conscious prizes. They also were able to view a life size rain barrel and dual flush toilet displays. The games consisted of: Water Quest, The Choice is Right, and How Water Works poster matching activity. Once a resident played a game they were then escorted to the Preserving Every Drop Giveaway table where they were able to pick from shower timers, leak detection tablets, rain gauges, and information pamphlets on water conservation. A representative from Kohler was also present and raffled off two water-saving showerheads.

Despite the rain, the Itasca event brought in around 50 people and about 20 people participated in the raffle. Approximately 10 rain gauges, 10 leak detection tablets, 5 shower timers, and 5 informational pamphlets were handed out.

In Westmont, there were two people who braved the horrid weather to attend the event. Westmont Water Department will also bring water conservation materials to the Taste of Westmont scheduled for July 9-11<sup>th</sup>.

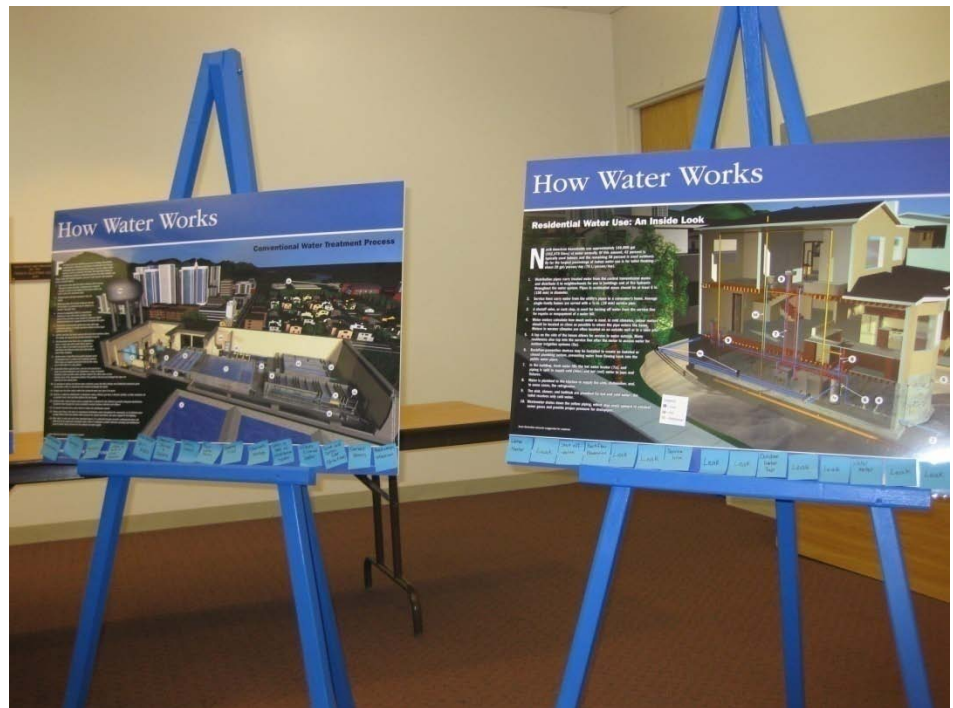
See pictures below for more information on the events.



*Water Quest- a picture guessing game where participants answered questions about water conservation and removed magnetic tiles to guess what the water conservation related picture.*



*The Choice is Right- much like The Price is Right™ but in addition to guessing the price, the participant must guess how much water is wasted with each fixture.*



*How Water Works poster matching activity- a participant must match the blue notes at the bottom of the poster to the action that is taking place above. Posters included a Typical Water System, the Water Treatment Process, and Residential Water Use. For the residential poster, the participant also placed Leak notes where they thought leaks might occur in their house.*





*Gallons of water to show participants how much water fixtures waste*



*The two fixtures were raffled off as well as Kohler water saving fixture handouts at the Kohler table.*



*Preserving Every Drop Giveaway table*



*Kids from Itasca's 4H club volunteered to help man the displays and play the games as well.*



*Dual flush toilet display*



*Full size rain barrel display and How Water Works Poster Activity*