



# YOUR FUTURE **WATER'S WORTH IT.**

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Water must be recovered, recycled, and returned to the environment. Your support of innovative solutions and technology helps us transform operations for greater efficiency, productivity, and long-term sustainability.

IT'S AN INVESTMENT IN YOUR FUTURE.

## THE FACTS

- Water resource recovery facilities are “green factories” that recycle used water and responsibly dispose of waste by producing valuable resources like clean water, renewable energy, natural fertilizer, nutrients, and transportation fuel.
- The used water you send down your drain contributes organic matter to water resource recovery facilities, where it can be consolidated, treated, and transformed into biosolids—a natural, safe, and endlessly renewable fertilizer.
- An energy-efficient wastewater sector could result in 95% reduced emissions and up to USD \$40 billion in net savings. One of the world’s first energy neutral facilities, in Marselisborg, Denmark, produces 40% more electricity than it needs to operate.
- Recycled water helps replenish sensitive ecosystems, recharge groundwater aquifers, and can be further treated to meet drinking water standards. Some communities in Australia, Namibia, Singapore, and the United States already drink recycled water. Some even use it to make beer!

Sources: <https://bit.ly/2LFKr14>

## SMALL ACTIONS, BIG IMPACT

- Only flush the 3Ps. Everything that goes down a pipe or storm drain ends up at your local water resource recovery facility or waterbody. Limit what you flush to (toilet) paper, pee, and poo—and responsibly dispose of, or recycle, the rest.
- Take a tour of your local water resource recovery facility to learn about water careers and the innovative ways water is managed in your community.
- Review your water/wastewater bill, ask about your community’s stormwater plan, and stay informed about local, national, and global water issues.
- Invest in your local water infrastructure, become a water advocate, and volunteer for community clean-up and awareness activities.



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