

You Have a CHOICE!



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Life is full of choices, at work, at home, everywhere! Sometimes it is difficult to choose the right thing or the smart thing to do. It is the time of year when you have to start making important choices.

It was/is your choice to or not to:

- *Go out and locate the water valves out in the field before winter arrives and the snow covers them.

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- *Winterize different things around the water treatment plant and get everything ready for the cold winter months ahead.
- *Get the furnace’s ready in the buildings.
- *Insulate the windows and doors.
- *Get the recirculating pump on the water tower or reservoir working and tested.
- *Make certain everything is working correctly, because the cold weather is coming.

Life is full of choices! We just had an election for the next president... You had a choice! You may have had a school referendum to vote for... You had a choice! Maybe a vote was taken on your city budgets or electing city officials... You had a choice! Maybe a vote was taken on your county or state officials... You had a choice! Maybe school and/or city issues were in the decision making process... You had a choice!

People have made the choice to protest the oil pipeline going across some of the states in the U.S. and supporting or not supporting those protesters and the decision to protect the water supply. Choose to support or not to support. Water currently has been making the news! As it should, it’s very important to our lives!

Choices...It is up to you! Would you like to upgrade your water license? There is the opportunity to go one license higher than your water treatment plant is classified. As an example, if you are operating a Class C Water Treatment Facility, you are entitled to test up one step higher, so you can test for a Class B. That is your choice!

Also, would you like to exercise your distribution system valves? Would you like to flush your hydrants in the spring and fall to maintain your distribution system? Would you like to rent Minnesota Rural Waters valve exercising machine? The valve machine will help you exercise your distribution system valves. The valve machine will help you open your valves all the way and then close them all the way. You can repeat this cycling process a couple times to get the valves operating in tiptop working condition.

Why is this process important? Why do we have valves in our water system? The main reason we have valves in our system is to assist when there’s an emergency or a problem. The valves are there to isolate an area and minimize the disruption of service to our customers.

Would you like to attend an educational training session, perhaps one that MRWA provides? These training sessions help you learn more about your job and what may be required, and what new regulations are in the future. You have the opportunity to see and experience the new technology that may be available. It is your choice!

MRWA is a leader in training sessions. It is difficult to stay current with the continuous new technologies, new rules and regulations. Make the smart choice!! Attend a training session in 2017!

It’s your choice to get involved in the water industry:

- *Choose to get on a committee,
- *Choose to get on an advisory council, or
- *Choose to get on a training advisory group to help set up future training sessions.

Every committee right now is in need of assistance and in need of volunteers. A smart choice could be to get more involved!

Life is full of choices and MRWA is here to assist! Please look over the 2017 training calendar at right for a training session to attend near you.

