



## Middlesex Water Company Offers Maintenance Tips To Protect Water Quality at Home

*ISELIN, NJ, May 3, 2013* – Drinking Water Week is May 5-11 and the Middlesex Water family of companies are joining the [American Water Works Association](#) (AWWA) and water professionals across North America in encouraging consumers to learn to maintain high-quality water throughout their household internal plumbing systems.

“Our water operators, lab professionals and treatment personnel work very hard to ensure that water leaving our treatment plants meet all federal and state standards,” said Dennis W. Doll, President and CEO of Middlesex Water Company. “Our distribution and maintenance crews also work to ensure that our vast networks of underground water mains are operating reliably and properly to ensure that a plentiful supply of water reaches our customers’ taps. After water enters a home, however, conditions in the internal home plumbing system can affect the water’s quality so it’s a good idea to conduct regular maintenance,” added Doll.

To assist homeowners, here are 10 tips for maintaining water quality at home:

1. Clean faucets and aerators regularly
2. Clean and disinfect sinks and drains regularly
3. Keep drains clear and unclogged
4. Use cold water for drinking and preparing food
5. Replace old plumbing and install certified “lead free” fixtures
6. Flush cold water taps after household plumbing work or when the water hasn’t been used for several days
7. Drain and flush your hot water heater annually
8. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions for the water heater, filters, treatment devices, softeners and any other products attached to the water system
9. Do not connect hoses or other devices intended for non-drinking purposes to household drinking water faucets
10. Keep hazardous chemicals and unsanitary materials away from drinking water faucets

Additional information about maintaining water quality at home is available at [DrinkTap.org](#).

### **About Drinking Water Week**

For more than 35 years, AWWA and its members have celebrated Drinking Water Week – a unique opportunity for both water professionals and the communities they serve to join together to recognize the vital role water plays in our daily lives.

### **About Middlesex Water Company**

Middlesex Water Company, (NASDAQ:MSEX) organized in 1897, provides regulated and unregulated water and wastewater utility services in New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania through various subsidiary companies. For additional information regarding Middlesex Water Company, visit [www.middlesexwater.com](#). Visit us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/MiddlesexWater](#)

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