

Vendors Helping Rural Water!

SYSTEMS HELPING SYSTEMS!

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At this time, we would like to take this opportunity to thank a few people who have helped us recently. Without their help, it would be difficult to help you!



First, we would like to thank JEM Enterprises and LaMotte who graciously donated two LaMotte Smart Meter II units, which enables us to field sample for over

60 different parameters. We currently are able to sample for Nitrate, Nitrite, Chlorine, Turbidity, Hardness, Lead, Copper, PH, Iron, Manganese, and Phosphate. This is all thanks to Jim Dwyer & Mike Mooney from JEM Enterprises. You can visit their website and check out other products at <http://www.jementerprises.biz/>.

Through the generosity of Pollardwater.com, we have started conducting workplace safety courses. Pollard's generous donation of safety related equipment has made this possible. You can visit them on their website at <http://www.pollardwater.com/>.

Thanks to Derrick Smith from Metrotech for letting us use a real-time leak correlator for over 3 months, which we utilized in providing assistance to so many water systems across the state. Please visit Metrotech on their website at <http://www.metrotech.com/index.asp>

These are only a few of the many vendors that have gone far and above the call of duty so we can continue to provide assistance at no cost to you.

We are also very fortunate to have excellent relationships with many of you, and/or your systems, as we work together in helping other systems. In our travels, we see many small systems in need. This is probably an understatement, as you may be aware that so many systems are truly struggling. Networking with neighboring communities providing equipment to these systems, goes a long way. Our point here is, if you have any old equipment lying around, and you are looking to make room in your shop, call us and we will do our best to ensure a system in need receives your donation and will put it to use.

It's rewarding to see how many systems currently

work together with their neighboring communities providing manpower, parts, or just technical advice. This is what it's all about, helping your neighbors. In some areas of the state, this is lacking and we encourage each of you to get familiar with your surrounding system personnel and start networking.

We are pleased that so many local health offices will work with their community systems to assist in reaching goals that are necessary for you to improve your system.

We recently had the opportunity to visit with SEMO (State Emergency Management Office) in Queensbury. These people are always willing to help and their stockpile of materials is impressive including; pipe, hose, tanks, pumps, generators, filtrations systems and much more that is available for loan on a temporary basis. Yes, LOAN, at no cost to you.

Get familiar with the resources that are available to you. Be prepared! Water shortage happens, can your neighbor provide water to your supply? Is their pipe or hose available? Do you have a pond or stream to use with a portable filter for an emergency source? These are some of the things you should look into to be more prepared. Consider these questions:

- Do you have a back up power source "generator"?
- Does it run?
- Back-up water supply or spare pump?
- Name of an approved bulk water supplier?
- Main or service repair parts?
- Can your system run manually?
- Do you have a handy phone list of health dept., contractors, utilities, etc.?
- Have you updated your Emergency Response Plan?

Are you prepared? If your system requires an Emergency Response Plan, just a reminder, updates are required by December 31, 2007. If you are not required, you might want to consider creating an Emergency Response Plan, it's not hard and it is a valuable tool. We can help with this. Give us a call on our toll free line at 1-888-697-8725.

Again, we wish to thank all the vendors and systems that help make our jobs easier in providing assistance in the field of water. If you are interested in helping or donating contact us, we will talk! 💧