

Mobile Education Center



Illinois American Water's environmental compliance and water quality team is taking its education outreach on the road with a new Mobile Education Center (MEC). The 18-foot learning center, which uses science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) related concepts, will offer hands-on experience by testing water through various lab tests. Several lessons will also be available on topics like the water cycle, water quality, water conservation and the value of water.



The company's Mobile Education Center earned the 2015 Illinois Section American Water Works Association's Outreach Award.

The MEC is a custom-built trailer that can be transported to different venues in order to provide a platform for youth and adults to learn more about the water industry. The MEC features internal and external access to work areas that can be set up with equipment and information for participants in the programs or presentations given by Illinois American Water.



Illinois American Water is involved in education and community outreach. Our company demonstrates its commitment through participation at community events, wise water use education, partnership with EPA WaterSense and more.

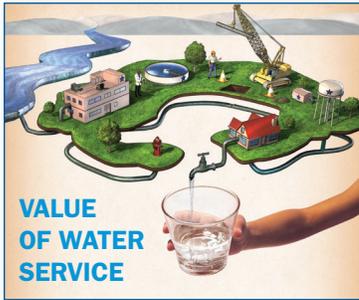
Illinois American Water Major Service Areas:

South Beloit, Chicago Metro, Sterling, Streator, Pontiac, Peoria, Pekin, Lincoln, Champaign/Urbana, Alton, Interurban (Metro East), Cairo, Hardin



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A large infographic, similar to the one on the left, is used to illustrate the complex system needed to deliver water from the source to the tap. The MEC is equipped with a large screen monitor for viewing educational videos for all age groups.

The MEC focuses on STEM-related concepts and the understanding of the wastewater and water treatment process. The MEC will be featured at various community events and educational outreach programs throughout Illinois.

Stewardship Efforts

Illinois Association Future Farmers of America (FFA)

Illinois American Water is a sponsor of the Illinois State FFA Convention held in Springfield. Over 3,000 Illinois FFA high school students and their family members attend the annual convention from across the state. Illinois American Water sponsors awards at the convention to recognize FFA students demonstrating exceptional, specialized skills through water-related projects.

Clean Water Celebration

Each year, the Sun Foundation's Clean Water Celebration focuses on watershed protection and conservation through a two-day community event. The first day kicks off on the Peoria Riverfront with a celebration of the Illinois River and other water sources. The second day features a student conference, which attracts thousands of middle-school students from across the state. The approved curriculum provides lessons through presentations, exhibits, art, science, theater and song. Illinois American Water has sponsored the event since its inception over 20 years ago. To learn more visit www.sunfoundation.org.



Illinois American Water was awarded second place in the 2015 National Association of Water Companies (NAWC) Management Innovation Awards for its Mobile Education Center and Moving Water Forward through Education program.

School Presentations and Water Education Events

Our environmental compliance and water quality team visits schools throughout the year to educate about the water cycle, water service and wise water use. The team partners with environmental stewards and organizations like Livingston Ag, Boys and Girls Club, Illinois Science Teachers Association, Jackie Joyner-Kersey Foundation, National Great Rivers Research and Education Center, Nature's Institute and Lewis and Clark Community College on environmental and water-related events.

