

## Connecticut Water Awarded by Connecticut Construction Industries Association

CCIA Awards Include Excellence in Safety and Community Service

**CLINTON, Conn. — Jan. 19, 2021**— Connecticut Water has been recognized with two prestigious awards by the Connecticut Construction Industries Association. The company received a Safety Recognition Award for excellence in construction health and safety and the CCIA's Community Service Award for its School Water Bottle Filling Station Grant Program, which supplied 15 schools in Connecticut Water service communities with touch-free water filling stations.

"Connecticut Water is committed to the health and safety of its employees and wants their time on the job to be the safest eight hours of their day, and we thank our environmental health and safety teams for their diligence to keeping their coworkers safe," said Maureen Westbrook, president of Connecticut Water. "We are also proud to be recognized for our School Water Bottle Filling Station Grant Program. As an organization, we are always looking for opportunities to support our communities and schools, and especially during the pandemic, we are proud to offer a safe, low-waste hydration option for students across the state."

The School Water Bottle Filling Station Grant Program began accepting applications in early 2020 as part of Connecticut Water's doubling of community support funds as a result of a merge with SJW Group. Applications for the \$15,000 program were open to any school served by Connecticut Water to supply them with a new or retrofit unit to provide an alternative to single-serve, disposable water bottles and a touch-free alternative to traditional water fountains. As the pandemic changed daily operations for schools across the states, the units played an even more important role in the safety measures necessary to welcome students back this fall. A complete list of grant recipients can be found at [ctwater.com/community](http://ctwater.com/community). The program will continue in 2021.

This is the 17th consecutive year that Connecticut Water has received CCIA's Safety Recognition Award. Companies recognized by CCIA have demonstrated solid construction safety and health programs and are evaluated across 17 safety categories, including management involvement, employee training, safety hazard analysis, noncompliance and correction of violations. At Connecticut Water, a cross-functional safety committee, comprising nearly 10% of the workforce, meets on a bimonthly basis to review and reduce incidents and injuries, with a focus on providing a safe and healthy workplace for all areas of the company.

**About Connecticut Water:** Connecticut Water Company provides water service to nearly 350,000 people in 60 Connecticut communities and wastewater service to 10,000 people in Southbury, Connecticut.

The towns served are Ashford, Avon, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Bolton, Brooklyn, Burlington, Canton, Chester, Clinton, Colchester, Columbia, Coventry, Deep River, Durham, East Granby, East Haddam, East Hampton, East Windsor, Ellington, Enfield, Essex, Farmington, Griswold, Guilford, Haddam, Hebron, Killingly, Killingworth, Lebanon, Madison, Manchester, Mansfield, Marlborough, Middlebury, Naugatuck, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Oxford, Plainfield, Plymouth, Portland, Prospect, Simsbury, Somers, South Windsor, Southbury, Stafford, Stonington, Suffield, Thomaston, Thompson, Tolland, Vernon, Voluntown, Waterbury, Westbrook, Willington, Windsor Locks and Woodstock.

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