

Building the Infrastructure of the Next 50 Years and Beyond:

Water

The state of pipes
and water infrastructure
in Washington today

WA state has an est. **\$11.7 billion** drinking water investment gap

There are an est. **27,000** lead service lines



Per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which are harmful to wildlife and people, have been detected in WA surface water, groundwater, wastewater, and freshwater

Lead, PFAS contamination, and failing water infrastructure are all challenges that put Washingtonians and the environment at risk.

Congresswoman Suzan DelBene has continually advocated for making safe drinking water accessible to all and keeping our waterways clean. DelBene helped to advance the bipartisan infrastructure law, which will provide much needed funding to modernize Washington's water infrastructure.

Wins for WA-01

The bipartisan infrastructure law will deliver over

\$882 million

over five years to improve Washington's water infrastructure.

This includes investments that would **double** the available funding for wastewater projects over the next five years.

This funding will be allocated by state and federal agencies to help replace lead pipes, remediate toxins in our drinking water, improve wastewater and stormwater management systems, and build climate resiliency.

A recent study shows that more than 60% of drinking water taps in WA schools that were tested contained lead.

The bipartisan infrastructure law devotes \$15 billion for lead pipe replacement across our country with the goal of removing 100% of lead service lines.



“ Investing in water infrastructure is a necessary step in ensuring that everyone has access to clean drinking water and preventing environmental pollution. Washington's drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater systems are in desperate need of improvements. Investments from the bipartisan infrastructure law will help clean up Washington's waterways, make water infrastructure more resilient, and create good-paying jobs. ” – Representative DelBene

More information on the bipartisan infrastructure law can be found [here](#).