Weekly Themes

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Safeguarding Our Water

Clean water is the world’s most precious commodity. The World Health Organization estimates 844 million people lack basic drinking-water service. In the United States, communities such as Flint, Michigan, will continue to suffer the ill effects of unsafe drinking water if we are not vigilant.

Building, plumbing and green codes help ensure tragedies such as this do not happen, so we can guard this precious commodity for future generations through proper construction, conservation and safe disposal.

Code officials learn not only from situations such as those in Flint, but also from changes in Mother Nature.

California droughts fostered water conservation rules, based in part on irrigation standards developed by the International Code Council, that included regulations for using drought-tolerant plants on lawns for new homes with more than 500 square feet of landscaped area, and limit turf grass to 25 percent of landscaping, down from a third.

A clean water supply also is crucial, even if your community offers water and sewage treatment. If there are faulty or no backflow protectors in your home, cross-contamination can happen even while residents are filling their backyard swimming pools, drawing some of the pool’s chlorine into the home.

Code officials are vigilant protectors of our water supply. Because of their dedicated service, you can turn on the tap in your home and draw sufficient, clean water. They take nothing for granted, so you can.

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