

The Flow

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Help Wanted

Distribution

Assist the distribution foreman with any and all duties including maintenance of water mains, pump stations, water tanks and any other items contained in the system. Learn the distribution system, equipment, and operation of the treatment plant. Maintain all mowing and bush hogging that's needed. Respond to Distribution Foreman's calls for response related to water main breaks/ or any other issues. Acquire water treatment license and operate water treatment plant when necessary. Any other duties deemed necessary by SWSC or the Manager. Backhoe or any equipment experience is a plus. CDL is a plus. Basic technology and computer skills is a plus.

Plant Operator or Trainee

Seeking current certified operator for 2nd shift OR someone interested in training to be a plant operator.

- Salary commensurate with experience.
- Benefits include: Health Insurance, Life Insurance, Retirement Contribution, Vacation and Sick Time
- Pre-employment drug testing is required.

Please obtain application at the office or email
swsc@springfieldwater.org

Regionalization

There are many misconceptions about the agreement with Lebanon. IT IS NOT A MERGER. It is an opportunity for both utilities to work together and share technology, manpower, and equipment resources which will lead to potential cost savings that benefit our customers. Each board of the respective utilities will continue to operate independently and autonomously. Each entity will keep their existing workforce. Each entity will maintain and keep their own books.

The management of water systems is becoming increasingly more challenging in many ways. New environmental regulations have complicated the way utilities must operate in order to stay viable. Achieving compliance with these ever-evolving regulations requires water utilities to adapt to address the complex interconnected challenges and protect public health. By working collaboratively, both utilities will be prepared to meet the infrastructure and regulatory challenges ahead. This partnership will allow the technical, managerial and staff expertise of both entities to become more resilient.

PFAs (perfluoroalkoxy)

PFAS article take directly from EPA Website

PFAS are a group of manufactured chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer products since the 1940s because of their useful properties. There are thousands of different PFAS, some of which have been more widely used and studied than others.

Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS), for example, are two of the most widely used and studied chemicals in the PFAS group. PFOA and PFOS have been replaced in the United States with other PFAS in recent years. One common characteristic of concern of PFAS is that many break down very slowly and can build up in people, animals, and the environment over time.

PFAS can be present in our water, soil, air, and food as well as in materials found in our homes or workplaces, including:

- **Drinking water:** in public drinking water systems and private drinking water wells.
- **Soil and water at or near waste sites:** at landfills, disposal sites, and hazardous waste sites such as those that fall under the federal Superfund and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act programs.
- **Fire extinguishing foam:** in aqueous film-forming foams (or AFFFs) used to extinguish flammable liquid-based fires. Such foams are used in training and emergency response events at airports, shipyards, military bases, firefighting training facilities, chemical plants, and refineries.
- **Manufacturing or chemical production facilities that produce or use PFAS:** for example at chrome plating, electronics, and certain textile and paper manufacturers.
- **Food:** for example in fish caught from water contaminated by PFAS and dairy products from livestock exposed to PFAS.
- **Food packaging:** for example in grease-resistant paper, fast food containers/wrappers, microwave popcorn bags, pizza boxes, and candy wrappers.
- **Household products and dust:** for example in stain and water-repellent used on carpets, upholstery, clothing, and other fabrics; cleaning products; non-stick cookware; paints, varnishes, and sealants.
- **Personal care products:** for example in certain shampoo, dental floss, and cosmetics.
- **Biosolids:** for example fertilizer from wastewater treatment plants that is used on agricultural lands can affect ground and surface water and animals that graze on the land.



Office Hours

In an effort to remain efficient and decrease the need of added staff, all of which affect the customer related to costs, the decision to revise office/window hours was made.

The revised office/window hours are

- Monday thru Thursday: 1:00pm to 4:30pm;
- Friday: 1:00pm to 4:00pm

SWSC remains committed to customer service and phones will be answered all day and appointments can be made to meet any special needs.

The drive through payment drop box and night deposit will remain in place for payments. In addition to in-person, invoice payments can be made in many ways including bank drafts that are seamless and free of charge. Information related to this can be found at our website:

www.springfieldwater.org