

“Typical” Morning Activity

NEW Water has used this activity for many years – it always gets “oohs!” and “aahs!” and “no way!” from the audience – and it helps illustrate the value of what a clean water utility does. We hope many other utilities will enjoy using this, and benefit from this using this activity as much as we have!

Supplies:

- Large plastic bowl (clear works best!)
- Toothpaste
- Mouth wash
- Hand soap
- Dish soap
- Breakfast cereal (Cocoa Puffs or Fruity Pebbles work well)
- Mountain Dew (hide this from audience view until it comes up. Recommend pre-pouring into clear cups.)
- Wooden spoon for stirring (2)
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Coffee
- Twix
- Toilet paper

Optional: dental floss, wipes, cleaning supplies (non-flushable wipes), kids toys, string, fats/oils

Description:

1. Ask for 2 volunteers.
2. Talk about the importance of PPE and have kids put on goggles, lab coats, gloves.
3. Have volunteers and audience think about their morning routine.
4. Engage the class – ask for volunteers to shout out one thing they do in the morning.
 - a. As the kids describe their morning activities, have the 2 volunteers dump supplies into the bowl. (taking turns) that would be needed for the activity.
 - b. If no one mentions “going to the bathroom” – prompt them! Recommend saving those for last, for biggest “wow” factor .
 - i. Examples: Shampoo & conditioner = shower taking
Mountain Dew in a cup = pee
Twix = poop
5. Let the kids know the bowl is the sewer.
 - a. Optional: Talk about things that should or should not go down the drain, dump these in as well.
 - i. Examples: dental floss, wipes, toys.
6. Have volunteers stir what’s in the bowl and ask the audience if they know where all this stuff goes?
7. Explain it goes to NEW Water – go into description of NEW Water and what we do. (Could use a PowerPoint here – to go into depth about treatment process / utility activities.)
 - a. Describe the water treatment process and how our work protects the environment.