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Keep the Water On: Cobo Water Fair Last Chance to Make Payment Arrangements, Access Assistance before Shut-offs Resume

Help with payment plans, bill assistance, many other household needs available

Detroiters are encouraged to attend the Cobo Water Fair this Saturday to make payment arrangements and access help before the shut-off moratorium expires on Monday.

Mayor Mike Duggan and City Council President Brenda Jones, in conjunction with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD), present the Water Fair at Cobo Hall from 9:00AM to 5:00PM on Saturday, August 23.

“The goal of the Fair is to get as many people as possible current on their water bill. Don’t wait until shut-offs resume,” said Mayor Duggan.

Dozens of DWSD customer care personnel will be on site to accept payments and enter residents into the 10/30/50 payment plan. Customers need to bring a valid, government-issued ID, pay as little as 10 percent of their delinquent bill, and have 24 months to pay off the rest to make sure their water is no longer in danger of being turned off.

Customers can also apply for assistance through the Detroit Water Fund. United Way will be on hand to help fill out applications; customers who wish to apply should bring social security numbers and proof of income for all members of their household. The Detroit Water Fund received \$200,000 in donations from the United Way of Southeastern Michigan, the Ford Foundation and the GM Foundation earlier this week.

Residents are also encouraged to visit the almost 20 other community services organizations who will be at the Cobo Water Fair. Customers can learn ways to save water and money and find help with other needs like food, housing, and health care. Special assistance will be available to seniors and veterans.

Free parking will be available at Ford Underground and Millenium Parking garages.

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