

## Changes to Atlanta's Outdoor Watering Ban

Although the Governor has loosened some water restrictions, the City is still required to meet a 10 percent reduction in usage from last year. Therefore, the City of Atlanta will continue to follow established Level 4 restrictions; no outside watering unless specifically exempted, with the following exceptions:

- Swimming pools (private and public) may be filled; however, City of Atlanta personnel will not be providing pool-filling services as they have in the past. DWM personnel and resources are needed for leak detection and distribution system repair.
- No more 30-day watering exemptions will be granted for lawn aeration and overseeding.

For more information please visit our website [www.atlantawatershed.org](http://www.atlantawatershed.org)

## Toilet Rebate Program Offered

The City of Atlanta is offering a rebate program for residents who replace their older toilets with low-flow models. To qualify, Atlanta water/sewer customers must:

- Own or rent a residence built prior to 1993 and have a toilet that uses more than 1.6 gallons per flush
- Have a water account in good standing with the City of Atlanta

Residents who purchase 1.6 gallon-per-flush toilets can receive a \$50 rebate;

those who install 1.28 gallon-per-flush toilets can receive a \$100 rebate. Rebate monies will be applied to residents' water bills. The toilet rebate program will be administered by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District.

For more information, click on [www.atlantawatershed.org](http://www.atlantawatershed.org) and [www.northgeorgiawater.com/html/315.htm](http://www.northgeorgiawater.com/html/315.htm). If you don't have computer access, call 404-463-8645, and an application will be mailed to you.

## Super Water Savers: Scout Troop 141, The Buffalo Soldiers

Hoosier United Methodist Church's Scout Troop 141, The Buffalo Soldiers, are educating their community about Georgia's drought and encouraging conservation. According to Dr. Joyce Cosby-Harris, Assistant Scout Master for Troop 141, the scouts chose to focus

on the drought because it is important to their community. "The Buffalo Soldiers made flyers about reducing water use to pass out at church," she said. They also made "door knockers to hand out in the community."

This project will help the scouts earn

over→

### Important Numbers to Remember

Customer Service: 404-658-6500

Customer Service E-mail: [watershedhelp@atlwater.com](mailto:watershedhelp@atlwater.com)

Water Service Concerns: 404-658-7220

Sewer Service Concerns: 404-624-0751



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their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badges, Cosby-Harris said. There are 17 Boy Scouts and 15 Cub Scouts in

Troop 141. The Buffalo Soldiers have been a part of Hoosier UMC for more than 25 years.

## Sewer Repair for Low-income Atlantans

DWM can provide assistance to low-income City residents who need to repair or replace clogged or broken sewer pipes on their private property. For more information, call Southeast Energy Assistance, 404-885-1877.

## SSES Reaches 1,000-mile Mark

DWM's Sewer System Evaluation Survey (SSES) Program has evaluated and cleaned 1,000 miles of Atlanta's sewer lines. "That's roughly the distance between Atlanta and Dallas," says Joe Basista, Deputy Commissioner of DWM's Bureau of Program Performance.



Evaluating Atlanta's sewer system is a necessary first step to repairing – and in some instances replacing – broken or otherwise ailing sewer lines. SSES is a major component of the Clean Water

Atlanta initiative and is on target to meet all its project completion deadlines. SSES has already helped reduce the number of sanitary sewer overflows by 71 percent – from 1,000 spills in 2,000 to 286 spills in 2007.

The SSES Program broke ground in 2002 and employs evaluation techniques such as smoke testing and closed-circuit television (CCTV) inspection to view, assess and map the City's 1,530 miles of sewer line.

## Self-Serve Pay Kiosk Available in South Fulton



Water customers in South Fulton County may use the self-serve payment kiosk at the South Fulton Annex to pay their water bills. The South Fulton Annex is

located on Stonewall Tell Road in College Park. The kiosk is available 8:30 am – 5 pm, Monday through Friday. The City has a similar kiosk at the North Fulton Annex to serve customers there.

## Municipal Option Sales Tax Reauthorized Through 2012

Voters overwhelmingly supported the reauthorization of the Municipal Option Sales Tax (MOST) on Tuesday, February 5. The one-cent sales tax is applied within the City Limits, with the proceeds helping to fund the City's court-mandated water

and sewer infrastructure program. If the MOST had not passed, customers' water bills could have risen by as much as 47 percent to pay for the court-mandated infrastructure overhaul.

Thank you for your continued support.

