

May 2008

Two Atlanta attractions are big water savers

The Georgia Aquarium

How does a place that depends on water save millions of gallons a year? The Georgia Aquarium has a comprehensive water conservation program that helped it reduce its overall water usage significantly in 2007. The following initiatives should help the Aquarium reduce water usage by more than 20 percent in 2008:

- Waterless urinals in the restrooms – these save up to 40,000 gallons of water each year;
- Recapturing condensation from cooling units. The 523,000-square-foot facility captures enough condensation to save 1.5 million gallons of water each year;
- A comprehensive audit and suggested process improvements will likely save millions of gallons of water per year while protecting all the aquatic species;
- Shutting off non-essential water features, such as the waterfall and atrium water feature;
- Low-flow faucets and showerheads installed in bathrooms, locker rooms and kitchen;
- During Aquarium events, wait staff place water pitchers on tables rather than serving individual glasses of water. Guests serve themselves, and water use has been cut in half compared to pre-conservation days;
- Employees take mandatory water conservation training courses so everyone is on board.

Zoo Atlanta

Long at the forefront where water conservation is concerned, Zoo Atlanta employees are accomplished water savers. Here are a few water-saving measures they've implemented:

- All automatic irrigation was cut off in October 2007;
- Rain barrels were installed in November 2007 to collect rainwater, which is distributed to landscaped areas and used in the greenhouse;

- Pools within animal exhibits are filled from one-quarter to three-quarters capacity to maintain appropriate animal care;
- In 2005, the flamingo exhibit pool was reconstructed to repair leakage and reduce capacity;
- Standard high-efficiency hose nozzles distributed to ensure uniform water usage in all animal areas;
- Staff trained to identify water leaks using a drip calculator to prioritize repair;
- An inventory of restroom fixtures is being conducted to identify necessary plumbing upgrades/retrofits;
- Each facility within the Zoo is having a water audit performed by the Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia to determine both water use and potential water savings.

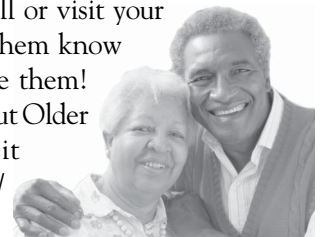
So far, meter readings indicate Zoo Atlanta has reduced its water usage by more than the State-mandated 10 percent.

Kudos to Zoo Atlanta and the Georgia Aquarium!

May is Older Americans' Month

Established in 1963, Older Americans' Month is a time to honor seniors for their contributions to our communities and to the nation as a whole. This year's theme is "Working Together for Strong, Healthy and Supportive Communities."

Take a few minutes to call or visit your favorite seniors, and let them know how much you appreciate them! For more information about Older Americans' Month, visit www.aoa.gov/press/oam/oam.asp.



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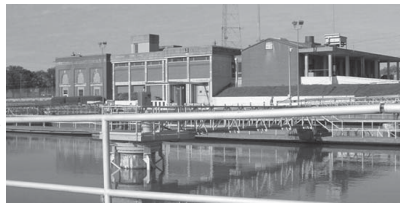
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Celebrate National Drinking Water Week with award-winning Atlanta water!

May 4-10 is National Drinking Water Week. Join DWM and the American Water Works Association, and enjoy a glass of clean, refreshing City of Atlanta tap water. The City of Atlanta's water quality lab performs 50,000 tests annually to screen for more than 150 contaminants. Our extensive water treatment process coupled with our testing procedures ensures that your drinking water is among the purest in the country.

In fact, the Georgia Association of Water Professionals, which represents more than 5,000 water professionals around the State, just announced that the Hemphill and Chattahoochee water treatment plants, along with the Atlanta-Fulton County Water Treatment Plant, which is owned jointly by the City and County, have received Gold Awards for meeting or exceeding all Safe Drinking Water Act permit requirements in 2007!

Hemphill Water Treatment Facility



Toilet Rebate Update

As of mid-April, 136 people have taken advantage of our toilet rebate program. City of Atlanta residents who replace old, inefficient toilets with approved 1.6 gallon-per-flush or 1.28 gallon-per-flush toilets can earn water bill rebates of \$50 and \$100, respectively.

Because toilets are the biggest water users in the average household, installation of a low-flow toilet can save thousands of gallons of water and hundreds of dollars on your water/sewer bill. Many toilets installed before 1993 use from five to seven gallons per flush.

And while you're considering switching to a low-flow toilet, also remember that if your present toilet is running constantly, you are wasting hundreds of gallons of water. Leaking toilets can cause significant spikes in your usage, and, thus, make your water/sewer bill much higher than it would be with normal usage.

For more information about the toilet rebate program, visit www.atlantawatershed.org or call 404-584-1264.

Atlanta celebrates Earth Day with events

Keep Atlanta Beautiful, the City of Atlanta and the BeltLine Partnership celebrated Earth Day last month by hosting the second annual Arms Around Atlanta Earth Day Celebration. With support from Pratt Industries and The Home Depot Foundation, the event featured two festivals, one sponsored by Zoo Atlanta, and one in Glenwood Park, a Green Streets Properties "green development."

The celebrations also included an Earth Day World Music Fest, a children's ECO-Zone, and organic and local food pavilion, sponsored by Georgia Organics; and a "Stepping Lightly Contest" that rewarded people who reduced their carbon footprint. Additionally, Councilmember Carla Smith hosted her annual e-waste recycling drive at Turner Field for residents who wanted to recycle old computers, monitors, televisions and other used electronics.

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Senior Citizen Discount



If you already receive DWM's senior citizen discount, you should receive your postage-paid renewal card in the mail. Make sure to sign it and send it back to ensure that you continue to receive the discount.

To qualify for the Senior Citizen Discount you must:

- be 65 or older
- have a maximum household income of \$25,000 or less
- be the primary titleholder or leaseholder on the property subject to the bill

For more information, call 404-658-6500.

