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Spring 2021

Drinking Water Week is May 2-8



For more than 40 years, the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and its members have celebrated Drinking Water Week, which is a great opportunity to recognize the vital role water plays in our daily lives. This year's theme is "There When You Need It" and the event will take place from May 2-8. Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD) prides itself in providing high-quality drinking water, promoting water conservation and working to safeguard the public's health and the environment. [Our drinking water](#) is regularly tested – more than 150,000 times a year - to ensure its quality and that it meets federal, state and local standards. We play a role in ensuring the water used to drink, cook with and manufacture with is safe.

April is Water Conservation Month

April is often a very dry month in terms of rainfall, and there is a need to conserve water during Florida's typical spring dry season. As the temperatures increase, so does outdoor water use – water smarter this dry season! We encourage residents to water smarter by following simple steps and adhering to Miami-Dade County's permanent watering restrictions, which are Wednesdays and Saturdays for odd-numbered home addresses and Thursdays and Sundays for even-numbered addresses – both before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m. [Learn more about water conservation](#) and incentives that help reduce water use and lower your water bill.

The department is investing \$126 million in General Obligation Bond (GOB) funds

The funds will be dedicated to converting septic systems to County sewer service for more than 1,000 commercial properties in Miami-Dade County. The County will prioritize the conversion of parcels based on the greatest likelihood and impact from failure, along with other environmental, social and economic ranking criteria. Find out what the [next steps](#) are.

C-51 reservoir will provide an alternate supply source for eight public water utilities in South Florida

The 14,000 acre-foot in-ground [reservoir](#), located in Palm Beach County, will be a huge relief to the Biscayne Aquifer. It will store stormwater to then be used during the dry season to recharge the Biscayne Aquifer, which provides most of the drinking water used by South Florida residents, visitors and businesses. Not only will this benefit South Florida's ecosystems, but the delivery will also maintain flows in the canal systems during dry times.

Building owners and managers: A chance to earn a free energy and water audit

In October, Miami-Dade County launched the [Building Efficiency 305 \(BE305\) Challenge](#). The BE305 Challenge focuses on improving building energy and water efficiency leading to reduced operational costs. The County is still recruiting buildings to join the Challenge, and all registered participants will be entered to win a free energy and water audit for their building. It's not too late to sign up, but time is running out. For more information email marta.marell@miamidade.gov.

Help your household save energy and your community save water

With more people working from home and using more electricity, their bills are reflecting the increased consumption. This may be a great time to take advantage of a 2017 Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners resolution that supports purchasing solar co-ops. Since its inception, Solar United Neighbors (SUN) Solar co-ops in Miami-Dade County has helped 183 homeowners go solar, resulting in \$4 million of economic investment and the creation of 102 jobs. In addition, because it takes a lot of water to create energy, going solar helps conserve water too. Each solar co-op is free to join and commitment free. [Learn more and sign up](#). By joining a Solar Co-op, you'll learn how solar works and what it takes to go solar. Then, you'll have the opportunity to go solar at a group rate, alongside your neighbors. The Miami-Dade Solar Co-op is open to all homeowners in Miami-Dade County and organized by Solar United Neighbors (SUN) – an installer neutral nonprofit organization. SUN co-ops focus on education, consumer protection and support in going solar.

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