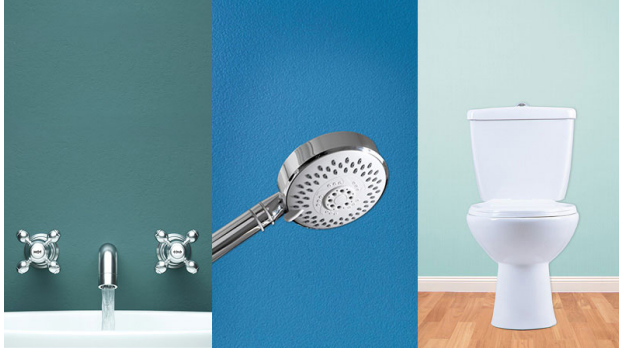


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Winter 2020



Being green will save you some green in 2020

With a variety of rebates and evaluations, you can not only save money, but receive some free items and cash as well. The bonus? Saving water and benefiting our local environment. You can reduce your water usage by as much as half by changing a few habits and installing water-saving devices.

Update your home's fixtures and save big

Qualifying residents can receive up to \$300 in rebates when buying and installing high-efficiency toilets, faucets and showerheads. At the same time, you'll reduce your water bill and conserve water. Learn about these programs and apply today.

Landscape irrigation evaluations

Free landscape irrigation evaluations are offered to single-family homeowners and large property owners. Rebates are available for completing irrigation retrofits recommended during the evaluation. Single-family homeowners are eligible for rebates up to \$500 a year while large properties can qualify for up to \$2,850 per property.

Be nice to your pipes

The holidays may be over, but if you continuously poured cooking oils and scraped left-overs down the sink – even if you have a garbage disposal – the ghost of Christmas past could be making a very unwanted visit in the new year. Read about the importance of canning the grease and avoiding other pipe clogs. In 2019, 604 clogs were repaired at a cost of \$483,200. When you add in costs to eliminate clogs at pump stations and treatment plants, that totals an annual clog cost of \$3.4 million.

Fix A Leak Week is March 16-22

An average household's water leaks can account for nearly 10,000 gallons of water wasted every year, and 10 percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day. During Fix a Leak Week, consider finding and fixing leaks inside and outside your home to save valuable water and money all year long.

Census 2020 has a big impact on your community

The 2020 Census will help determine where to build new schools, hospitals, roads and businesses. It also determines how billions of dollars in federal funding is distributed, including right here in Miami-Dade County. Taking part in the Census count is your civic duty and completing the Census survey is easier than ever. You can fill out your survey online with a unique identifier code in addition to completing it by mail or phone.

Did you know...

...that changing your habits can result in big savings? Little changes really add up. In 2019, the Water and Sewer Department issued 3,208 toilet rebates, 1,136 faucet and showerhead rebates, 140 landscape irrigation rebates, and distributed 732 free showerheads. These efforts resulted in savings of more than 278,000 gallons of water per day.

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