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Miami-Dade County maintains vibrant communities by ensuring that public roads are repaired, garbage is collected, neighborhoods are kept clean, green space areas are conserved, running water is available, and drainage systems work efficiently.

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Through partnerships with several volunteer organizations and local municipalities, the [Office of Community Image](#) has undertaken five multisite, gateway beautification projects that enhance the look of our community for visitors and residents alike.

- As part of its water conservation efforts, the [Water and Sewer Department](#) exchanged more than 6,000 showerheads to low-flow models saving homeowners thousands of gallons of water per household. Water consumption has declined by 3 percent since 2003 to just over 156 gallons per resident per day in 2006.

Highlights

- The [Department of Environmental Resources Management](#) oversaw the removal of 13,000 tons of debris from secondary canals, helping to prevent flooding in high-risk areas.
- Illegal dumping remains a significant problem. [Solid Waste Management](#) collected more than 3,000 tons of illegally dumped materials, an increase of 58 percent over the previous year. Enforcement efforts resulted in 489 arrests; violators collected more than 500 tons of illegally dumped debris; and 12,000 community service hours were served by illegal dumpers.
- The [County's Street Tree Master Plan](#) was developed as a roadmap to maximize the County's tree canopy. Public Works planted more than 2,800 trees and maintained 55,150 trees.
- The County's [Adopt-a-Tree program](#) distributed 16,505 trees last year compared to 20,762 the previous year. Fewer trees were available for the program due to the decline of local nursery stock following the 2005 Hurricane Season.
- [Team Metro](#) served 94,805 residents at eight regional offices throughout the County. In addition, Team Metro's Government on the Go Bus assisted 8,294 citizens with everything from issuing baby stroller parking permits to processing passport applications.
- The [Building Department](#) conducted 87 percent of all building inspections within one working day of the request. The decline from the previous year's rate of 98 percent was due to the backlog in roofing inspections generated after the 2005 Hurricane Season.

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