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Spring 2022



## Mark your calendars - Drinking Water Week is from May 1 through May 7

For more than 40 years, the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and its members have celebrated Drinking Water Week, dedicated to recognizing the vital role water plays in our daily lives. This year's celebration theme is "There When You Need It" and takes place from May 1-7. 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 and manufacture with is safe.

## WASD awarded \$42.7 million in grant funding for environmental protection projects

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection Resilient Florida Grant Program has awarded WASD with \$42.7 million to fund two projects to strengthen its infrastructure to

withstand the impacts of sea level rise. One is the Schenley Park septic to sewer conversion and the other will increase the resiliency of the drinking water infrastructure from floods and storms. Funding is vital for these projects, essential to protecting our critical systems. Learn more about [Sea Level Rise Strategy](#).

## **Connect2Protect septic to sewer conversion program launched in Little River**

Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava recently launched the Connect2Protect septic to sewer conversion program in the Little River Area. This area is one of the first areas for Connect2Protect implementation based on its designation as an Adaptation Action Area, a designation that focuses on those communities most vulnerable to sea-level rise and flooding. The first focus will be on the approximately 12,000 properties that have existing sanitary sewer infrastructure available for connection. Work will then shift to expanding the sanitary sewer system to methodically capture systems based on risk. A variety of sources, including traditional and new funding mechanisms, will be required to accomplish system expansion. For more information about the septic to sewer conversion please visit WASD's new [Connect2Protect](#) program page.

## **Fertilize now before the start of the rainy season**

Miami-Dade County's [fertilizer ordinance](#) applies to fertilizer applicators and anyone who performs landscape management. The use of fertilizer containing nitrogen or phosphorus is prohibited during the summer rainy season, May 15 through October 31. The best time to fertilize is during the dry season.

## **Now you can complete more transactions from the comfort of your home**

WASD customers now have a fast, easy and convenient way to reconnect their water service. If a customer has had their service disconnected due to non-payment, they can now log on to their customer account to make a payment and schedule a reconnect time window that is convenient. Other online features include the ability to stop or transfer water service, request a pool credit, payment extension or request a high bill investigation. Get [information on how to get started](#).

## **Join the Miami-Dade Solar Co-op and help your household save energy and your community save water**

Are you at home watching your electric bills go up? Miami-Dade County has some great news. In 2017, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution supporting solar purchasing co-ops. Since their inception, Solar United Neighbors (SUN) Solar co-ops in Miami-Dade County have helped 198 homeowners go solar and provided outreach to more than 2,000 families and 1,500 youth. This work resulted in \$4.5 million in economic investment and the creation of 106 jobs. In addition, because it takes a lot of water to create energy, going solar also helps conserve water. Each solar co-op is FREE to join and commitment free! Learn more and sign up at [Solar United Neighbors](#).

## Don't let paper hold you back

WASD is encouraging all of its customers to sign up to receive their bills electronically. With paperless billing, enjoy the convenience of paying your bill from anywhere, anytime. With 24/7 online access and with an easy and secure payment system, there is no need to search for a misplaced bill. Break free from paper bills and [enroll today](#).

## Did you know...?

...it takes approximately 42 gallons of water to produce just one slice of pizza!

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