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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY Newsletter
For Customers of the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department



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It is the policy of Miami-Dade County to comply with all the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

For questions concerning your account, please contact:

Customer Service 305-665-7477
Hours: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Internet: www.miamidade.gov/water

July is "Smart Irrigation Month"

Outdoor irrigation accounts for up to 50 percent of water use in Florida and up to 50 percent of the water applied to lawns is lost to evaporation - some households may lose up to 70 gallons of water each day. In order to conserve as much of our precious water as possible, we must be vigilant especially when watering our lawns to make every drop count.



For this reason, the Irrigation Association has named July "Smart Irrigation Month." This July, take a few minutes to identify ways that you and your family can become more water efficient and still maintain beautiful yards and landscaping.

One such way to save water and save money is to take advantage of the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD)'s free evaluations for single family homeowners of their irrigation systems. Rebates can be earned if recommendations are implemented as a part of the Irrigation System Evaluation and Rebate Program.



The evaluation will detail to the homeowner how to make their irrigation system more water-efficient. Homeowners who implement the recommendations and provide verification of the retrofits will qualify for up to \$400 in rebates, per fiscal year for up to three years. Homeowners do not need to implement all recommendations at once to be eligible for rebates. They can implement the retrofits for what works best for their system and their budget.

For more information on this and other water conservation programs, go www.miamidade.gov/conservation.

Did you know...

That an Olympic competition pool uses 660,000 gallons of water? If the Olympics were held in Miami-Dade County it would cost \$1,386 to fill the pool because WASD customers receive 1,000 gallons of water for only \$2.10.



Vendor Direct Deposit Payment

The Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department now offers a payment option that will expedite the department's payments to vendors that provide goods and services via Automatic Clearing House (ACH) transfers, instead of the issuance and mailing of a Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department check. This weekly program expedites the time that funds are disbursed to your organization. To learn more about this option or to apply, go to <http://www.miamidade.gov/water/vendor-deposit.asp>.

Start your GreenQuest to measure, manage and save on energy and water usage

It's simple: Saving energy and water saves money and helps the environment. In today's world of rising energy prices and global concerns for the environment, there's never been a better time to get a handle on your energy usage and costs both at home or your business. The old adage "What gets measured, gets managed" is very true, and your first step towards energy efficiency and cost savings is to simply track your bills.

Start by entering your energy and water bills. From there, GreenQuest does all the work. You'll see how you compare with other similar users in your area, spot costly utility bill errors, get an accurate carbon footprint. As your utility bill data comes to life, don't be surprised if a few money and environment-savings ideas sprout up!

Miami-Dade County is providing this service for FREE to its residents. Start using GreenQuest today and see firsthand how your energy use measures up and, more importantly, how your efforts to conserve really do pay off.

Analyze energy use and cost for multiple years.

- Compare energy use to similar buildings or homes within your local geographic region.
- Track greenhouse gas emissions quickly & easily.
- View your predicted energy use based on weather data from AccuWeather.com®.
- See the results of your energy conservation efforts on easy-to-read charts and graphs.
- Motivate and educate family members or co-workers by sharing your GreenQuest data.
- Submit your commercial building data to ENERGY STAR® to receive an official energy rating.

For more information or to get started, go to <http://miamidade.mygreenquest.com/>.

