

# Pipeline

Summer 2013

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



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

Carlos A. Gimenez  
Mayor

**Board of County Commissioners**

Rebeca Sosa  
Chairwoman

Lynda Bell  
Vice Chair

- |                                  |                                     |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Barbara J. Jordan<br>District 1  | Lynda Bell<br>District 8            |
| Jean Monestime<br>District 2     | Dennis C. Moss<br>District 9        |
| Audrey M. Edmonson<br>District 3 | Sen. Javier D. Souto<br>District 10 |
| Sally A. Heyman<br>District 4    | Juan C. Zapata<br>District 11       |
| Bruno A. Barreiro<br>District 5  | José "Pepe" Díaz<br>District 12     |
| Rebeca Sosa<br>District 6        | Esteban Bovo, Jr.<br>District 13    |
| Xavier L. Suarez<br>District 7   |                                     |

Harvey Ruvin  
Clerk of Courts

Carlos Lopez-Cantera  
Property Appraiser

Robert A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

John W. Renfrow, P.E.  
Director

Miami-Dade County provides equal access and equal opportunity in employment and services and does not discriminate on the basis of handicap.

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](http://www.miamidade.gov/water)

## WASD to begin Systematic Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan

The Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD) is the largest water and sewer utility in the Southeastern United States and serves nearly 2.3 million residents and thousands of visitors on a daily basis. Staff work 24/7, providing high quality water and wastewater services, protecting public health and acting in the best interest of the environment.

In order to continue to fulfill the department's vision of continuous delivery of high quality drinking water and wastewater services in compliance with all regulatory requirements, WASD has planned a systematic and responsible Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan. This plan will provide necessary upgrades to both the water and sewer infrastructure.

There will be an eight percent increase on customer's bills effective Oct. 1, 2013, however the average customer would only see an increase of \$3.36 a month on their bill for the average customer using 6,750 gallons per month. And even with the increase, the department's water rates still remain among the lowest in the nation. To see how our rates compare to other cities/counties in Florida, [click here](#).



### Adopt A Tree is Back

Miami-Dade County single-family or duplex homeowners are eligible to receive 2 FREE trees per year, even if they have adopted trees in past years. Tree species, event dates and times are subject to change.

Trees help increase a property's real estate value and reduce flooding by absorbing excess rain water. Trees also help to remove tons of carbon dioxide from the air every year. Carbon dioxide is considered to be a factor affecting climate change. For more information call 311.



**EVENT DATES**

**Saturday, July 27th**  
9 a.m. – noon  
Harris Field Pavilion  
1034 NE 8th Street  
Homestead

**Saturday, Sept. 14th**  
9 a.m. – noon  
J.C. Bermudez Park  
3000 NW 87 Avenue  
Doral

## Did you know...

that the department will see an immediate cost savings by proactively replacing its inefficient water and sewer pipes? Emergency repairs made once a pipe has broken can cost as much as 10 times what it would if replaced prior to a break.

## WASD Wins Conservation Award

Audubon Florida presented the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD) their annual Excellence in Water Conservation Award, which celebrates outstanding dedication to caring for Florida's water resources and promoting water conservation for the environment.

Miami-Dade County's reduction of water usage as a result of conservation has been outstanding. Residents and visitors in Miami-Dade County have helped conserve an estimated 10 million gallons per day, exceeding the water savings goal by 39 percent since the implementation of the 20 year water conservation plan in 2007. Miami-Dade County's program also sets longer term goals. By 2017, the county projects they will save 14.25 million gallons of water per day.



That's where WASD's conservation programs and the public can continue to help "use less." The department offers free high efficiency showerheads when residents exchange them for older models, as well as high efficiency toilet rebates and landscape irrigation evaluations. For more information on these and other WASD programs call 3-1-1.

## 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 money is to take advantage of the 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 to [www.miamidade.gov/waterconservation](http://www.miamidade.gov/waterconservation).