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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.

## 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 Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department's free evaluations of single family homes' 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 \$500 in rebates, per fiscal year for up to five 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).

## The Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department is well prepared for Hurricane Season, are you?

As South Florida residents are encouraged to prepare for the 2016 Hurricane Season, which runs from June 1 through November 30, the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD) has been gearing up year round.

The department is ready with emergency auxiliary power and all the necessary supplies for its pump stations, water treatment plants, and wastewater treatment plants across the county. This effort is to ensure minimal disruption in water and wastewater services in the event of a natural disaster.

"All of the WASD facilities work around the clock and are well prepared for emergencies. Prior proper planning is crucial for our department as water service is essential to life and public health," said WASD Director Lester Sola.

The department urges residents to conserve water before, during and after a storm to prevent backups in the wastewater systems. For more information on hurricane preparedness see the WASD Hurricane Guide <http://www.miamidade.gov/water/hurricane-preparedness.asp>.



## Did you know...

Planning a home improvement job? Planting a tree? Installing a fence or deck? Wait. Here's what you need to know first: whether you are planning to do it yourself or hire a professional, smart digging means calling 811 before each job. Homeowners often make risky assumptions about whether or not they should get their utility lines marked, but every digging job requires a call – even small projects like planting trees and shrubs.

The depth of utility lines varies and there may be multiple utility lines in a common area. Digging without calling can disrupt service to an entire neighborhood, harm you and those around you and potentially result in fines and repair costs. Calling 811 before every digging job gets your underground utility lines marked for free and helps prevent undesired consequences.




## It's The Law!

In Miami-Dade County, watering outdoors is not allowed from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Residents and businesses with odd-numbered addresses can water on Wednesday and Saturdays. Those with even numbered addresses can water on Thursdays and Sundays.

For questions concerning your account, please contact our Customer Service Call Center 305-665-7477  
Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
or visit us online  
[www.miamidade.gov/water](http://www.miamidade.gov/water)

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# Adopt-a-Tree is Back!



**Trees reduce air-conditioning costs by providing shade, while a good landscape improves a home's appearance. Trees also help increase a property's real estate value and reduce flooding by absorbing excess rain water. They also help to remove significant amounts of carbon dioxide from the air every year. Carbon dioxide is considered to be a leading factor affecting climate change.**

Check out Adopt-a-Tree's schedule and eligibility requirements; as event dates approach, tree species are listed online. When planted, trees improve our air quality, reduce air conditioning costs and increase property values.

Residents can also exchange two showerheads for new, free, high efficiency showerheads that will save water and save customers money on their water bill. All events will take place from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., rain or shine.

The Adopt-a-Tree program provides Miami-Dade single-family or duplex homeowners with two FREE trees every year, even if they have adopted trees in previous years. Single-family homeowners adopted more than 190,000 trees since the program's inception in 2001.

For more information, email [adoptatree@miamidade.gov](mailto:adoptatree@miamidade.gov) or call 305-372-6784.

**Water conservation kits available at upcoming Adopt-a-Tree events!**

## EVENT DATES

### Saturday, August 27th, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

West Kendall Baptist Hospital, Staff Parking Lot  
15755 SW 96th St, Kendall

Grafted Mango	Inkwood
Jackfruit	Native Form Fire Bush
Soursop	

### Saturday, September 17th, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Doral Central Park (formerly JC Bermudez Park)  
3000 NW 87th Avenue, Doral

Sugar Apples	Simpson Stopper
Longan	Paradise Tree
Indian Tamarind	

Adopt-a-Tree species, event dates and times are subject to change. Tree quantities are limited and will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis. All events will take place from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., rain or shine.

# Zika Virus 101

**Zika virus—a dengue-like illness caused by a mosquito-borne flavivirus—has recently been identified in Central and South America, and the Caribbean. Transmission occurs through the bite of an infected Aedes mosquito. Mother-to-fetus and sexual transmission cases have also been reported. Only 1 in 5 people infected with Zika virus will develop symptoms: fever, joint pain, conjunctivitis (pink eye), and rash. If you develop symptoms of Zika, contact your healthcare provider.**



Protect yourself from mosquito bites and the diseases they may carry, including Zika. Drain standing water around your home to stop mosquitoes from breeding and multiplying. Cover yourself with long-sleeves and long-pants to prevent mosquito bites. Use an EPA-registered insect repellent containing active ingredients: DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, and IR3535.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued a travel alert recommending that pregnant women or women planning to become pregnant postpone travel to Zika-affected areas. A person suspected to have contracted Zika virus should avoid being bitten by mosquitoes.

For additional information regarding Zika, visit the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (DOH-Miami-Dade) website at <http://miamidade.floridahealth.gov/> or call the Epidemiology, Disease Control, and Immunization Services (EDC-IS) program at 305-470-5660.