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It's time to make sure your lawn's irrigation system is in top shape! A little maintenance goes a long way towards saving water outdoors.

Spruce up your sprinklers!

Inspect: Check your sprinkler heads to make sure they're not broken, pointed in the wrong direction, or leaking.

Connect: Ensure hoses and pipes are connected properly. Even small leaks can waste thousands of gallons of water per month.

Direct: Make sure your sprinkler heads are pointed towards the plants you want to water and not pavement.

Select: Choose a WaterSense labeled irrigation controller.



*Black-Eyed Susan,
Phlox, & Echinacea*
are part of the H2grOw
Plant Collections

More tips for a water-smart yard:
epa.gov/watersense/outdoors

It's time for planning and planting!

Try the H2grOw Plant Collections

The Water Conservation Office has partnered with local nurseries to offer four garden designs – three for full sun and one for shade. Plant experts at Sunrise Nursery and Cofer's Home & Garden Showplace will help you gather the H2grOw plants or suitable alternatives, as well as offer planting recommendations. Once established, the garden has minimal watering requirements, saving you time, water, and money.



\$10 OFF

If you purchase five or more perennials from the collection, Cofer's offers a 20% discount that can be combined with this \$10 H2grOw coupon!

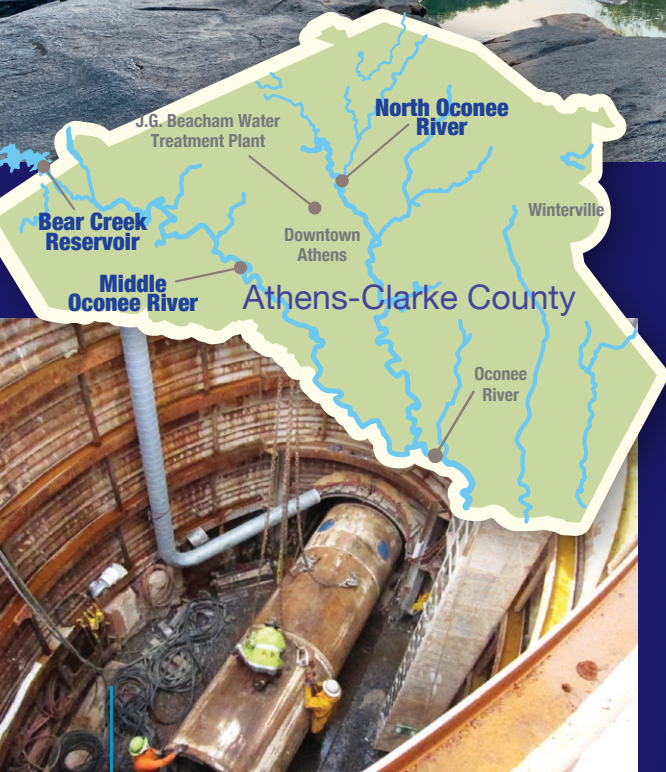
Sunrise Nursery (new H2grOw partner!)
550 Athens Road, Winterville
Mon. & Thurs.–Sat. 10 am–5 pm,
Sun. 12–5 pm, closed Tues. & Wed.

Cofer's Home & Garden Showplace
1145 Mitchell Bridge Road, Athens
Mon.–Sat. 9 am–6 pm,
Sun. 12–5 pm

While supplies last. Coupon expires: June 15, 2025. One coupon per customer. Only good toward plants in the H2grOw Native Collections. Must present this printed coupon at time of purchase. Not redeemable for cash.

Water Sources

- Middle Oconee River
- North Oconee River
- Bear Creek Reservoir



J.G. Beacham Water Treatment Plant



ACC's award-winning drinking water plant cleans and tests up to 36 million gallons of water a day before it makes its way to your home!

Meter Management

Ensures all the meters in the county send accurate water use data to our state-of-the-art metering system.



Engineering

Engineers and support staff work tirelessly to upgrade systems, oversee new construction, and maintain our GIS database.

Water & Sewer

ACC has over 800 miles of drinking water lines and 500 miles of sewer lines, which require maintenance, repair and replacement. Our water and sewer team does it all!



Environmental Services

This team inspects industrial facilities and manages the septage program, as well as determines the health of rivers and streams where we source our drinking water through environmental sampling.



Water Conservation



This team brings water conservation to ACC by visiting schools, distributing water-saving giveaways, and hosting community workshops and events like the Athens Water Festival.

Plant Maintenance

Our mechanics and electricians ensure all four ACC water facilities operate efficiently.

Water Business

Assists over 40,000 water customers with billing, as well as starting, transferring, and stopping water service.

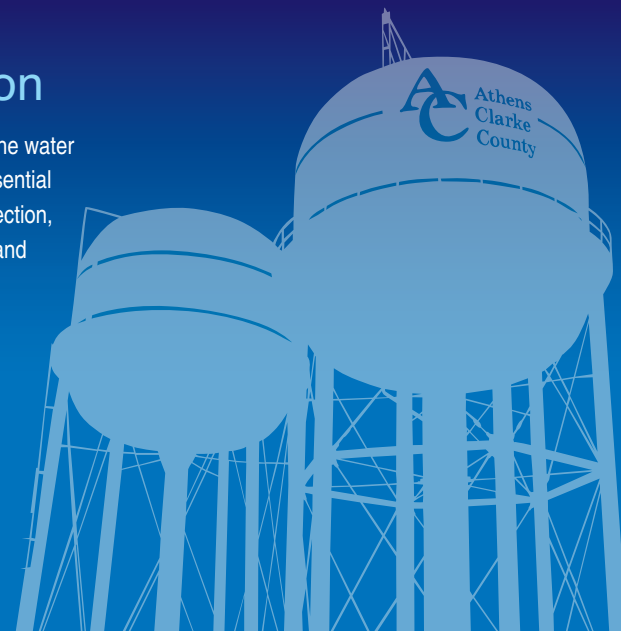
Water Reclamation

Water used in homes and businesses around Athens is sent back to one of our three water reclamation plants to be cleaned and returned to the watershed. The capacity of all three water reclamation facilities is 28 million gallons/day. Did you know that septic haulers and RVs can empty their tanks at the water reclamation facilities?



Administration

The leadership team keeps the water system flowing for ACC's essential needs, good health, fire protection, environmental stewardship, and economic benefits.



Did you
H2know



We deliver high-quality drinking water to 40,000 Athens-Clarke County households & businesses.

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Green Life Awards

Join us for the 2025 Green Life Awards Ceremony! This event honors organizations and individuals who go above and beyond in creating a more sustainable tomorrow for us all. This year's event will be held in the Conservatory at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia and is open to the public.

When: Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 6–8 pm; FREE!

Where: State Botanical Gardens of Georgia

Find Out More: accgov.com/GreenLife



events & info



New Water Business Office Hours

Please take note, the PUD Water Business Office at 124 E. Hancock Avenue has new hours:

Monday: 8:00 am–5:00 pm
Tuesday: 8:00 am–5:00 pm
Wednesday: 8:00 am–6:00 pm (extended hours)
Thursday: 8:00 am–5:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am–5:00 pm

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Water Treatment Plant Public Tour

Join us in celebrating National Fitness Day with a special tour of the J.G. Beacham Treatment Plant! Discover the journey of water from its source to your tap and learn why staying hydrated with high-quality drinking water is essential for health and fitness.

When: Saturday, May 3 from 10:00–11:30 am; FREE!

Where: J.G. Beacham Water Treatment Plant, 780 Barber Street, Athens

Register: ThinkAtTheSink.com



Every five years, the PUD updates and adds to the Service Delivery Plan (SDP), which anticipates our community's water and sewer needs for the next 20 years. The SDP evaluates current infrastructure and identifies and plans for structural improvements, as well as plans for how to pay for the identified improvements.

Coming soon: 2025 Service Delivery Plan, check accgov.com/publicutilities for updates.

Heads up! Your annual Drinking Water Quality Report is coming soon. Look for it in your mailbox this June.



Little Lily is hidden in this newsletter. If you can find her, you might win a goodie bag! Enter by June 15 at accgov.com/LittleLilyLookout.



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