

Hilton Head PSD earns EPA WaterSense Excellence Award

Hilton Head Public Service District (PSD) has earned the 2024 Excellence in Education and Outreach Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense program. The PSD earned the award for its efforts to inform and educate customers about water efficiency and environmental sustainability programs. This is the PSD's third EPA WaterSense Excellence Award.

"With a continuous stream of water conservation messaging, Hilton Head PSD earned its third WaterSense Award for Excellence in Education and Outreach," the EPA said in a statement. "To reach a larger audience, Hilton Head PSD partners with the Clemson University Extension Service to provide education about responsible lawn care and landscaping through social media, newsletters, and their website at www.hhpsd.com."





Before you hit the showers, look for the Watersense label and tackle water waste!

Learn more about how WaterSense can help you save water with the WaterSense label — from showerheads, toilets and more. Plus find rebates in your area. Just click the button below.

Visit WaterSense

Heritage Academy student field trip to the PSD





Heritage Academy students visited the PSD in September to learn about our local water resources!

They toured the PSD Water Quality Laboratory with Water Quality Supervisor Sarah Hickman, and the PSD Recycled Water Plant with Recycled Water Services Supervisor Brian Fedorick.

Have your own group of students that would like to learn more about how things work?

Contact our Customer Service Center at (843) 681-5525 or email us at info@hhpsd.com to set up a tour!

Spook-tacular water tips:







Only run full loads in Turn the tap off the dishwasher & while brushing washer your teeth

Aim for 5-minute showers



Check your home for leaks

Make sure your irrigation system is efficient





Over two million Americans live without basic access to safe drinking water & sanitation.

Source: Closing the Water Access Gap, 2019



Last week was Imagine A Day Without Water.

Hilton Head Island is lucky to have access to safe, clean drinking water and a public sewer system.

But not everyone in the U.S. has the same access.

Much of our country's water infrastructure is more than 100 years old, and the impacts of aging and un-repaired pipes are evident in communities everywhere—in fact, a water main breaks every two minutes somewhere in the U.S.

And, though not well known, over two million Americans still lack the dignity of access to water and wastewater services.

And that doesn't even take into account the devastation from the recent hurricane, which left several towns in Western North Carolina and elsewhere in Appalachia without working water.

Learn More

Don't let your next water bill give you a fright!

Sign up for automatic payments on our website



Don't let your next water bill give you a fright!

Sign up for automatic payments and never miss a payment again.

You can also keep tabs on your household's water use — and flag any potential leaks — in our online portal.

Visit the portal

What Not To Flush

Is there anything more frightening than a flooded bathroom from an overflowing toilet? If your little ghouls and goblins are causing chaos in your bathroom, we're here to help!

While shoving toys down the toilet may seem like some funny shenanigans, it really can cause serious (and expensive!) damage to your pipes.

Head to our What Not To Flush webpage for free printables including posters, worksheets and even a cool science experiment — to help teach the little ones before Halloween.

YOUR LITTLE GHOULS & GOBLINS CAUSING CHAOS?

DON'T BE FRIGHTENED!

WE HAVE FREE RESOURCES TO HELP CALM THE CHAOS BEFORE HALLOWEEN!

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THERE'S STRENGTH IN OUR NUMBERS.

Lowcountry Community Indicators

The Lowcountry region—Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper Counties —experienced unprecedented growth, development, and change between 1990 and 2005. Between 2007 and 2010, a nationwide economic downturn negatively affected the region. Since 2011, the regional economy has shown signs of continuously rebounding. There is a great deal of quantitative information and data available that both confirms and explains what has taken place.

To continue monitoring and evaluating the state of the Lowcountry region, the Lowcountry Community Indicators (LCI) Project was initiated. The LCI consolidates the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry's <u>Community</u> <u>Indicators Report</u> and the Lowcountry Council of Governments' <u>the People</u> <u>and the Economy Report</u>. These two reports are complementary, providing common criteria and metrics related to the Lowcountry region.

The main objective of the LCI is to provide a centralized community resource offering relevant indicators that help support informed decisionmaking. The LCI will assist citizen leaders, public officials and policy makers, nonprofit organizations, businesses, researchers, and the media in making decisions to positively affect the community's well-being.

The LCI offers key indicators for the region that are understandable, meaningful, and accessible through its website <u>www.lowcountrycommunityindicators.org</u>. The website allows users to view, navigate to, and download specific, relevant indicators of each topic mentioned above. In addition, the user will have the ability to locate all the data for one specific county or compare the data for all four counties.

If you have any questions about the project, or would like to provide feedback, please contact <u>info@lowcountrycommunityindicators.org</u>.

To learn more about the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, visit <u>www.cf-lowcountry.org</u>; and to learn more about Lowcountry Council of Governments, visit <u>www.lowcountrycog.org</u>.

Community Happenings

Show Your have And Respect For Waters That Surround Our Island CPCCC CPCCR Difficer Streep Suntay, November 10 || 1 – Apro | Shelter Cove Marina The Outside Foundation is hosting an autumn litter sweep on the Broad Creek River on Hilton Head Island. Join us at the Outside Hilton Head kiosk in Shelter Cove Marina. All supplies and snacks provided, volunteers should bring their own water bottle. Volunteers may kayak (rentals are free - please reserve by calling 843-686-6996), walk, bike, or boat to pick up litter. Please email, jean@outsidefoundation.org with any questions Learn more <u>here</u>.



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