



Customer Pipeline

Emerald Coast Utilities Authority

Twin Peaks: ECUA Honored with Two Peak Performance Awards

The Emerald Coast Utilities Authority has again been selected to receive Peak Performance Awards. The Peak Performance Awards program, sponsored by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), recognizes public wastewater treatment facilities for their outstanding compliance records during a full calendar year.

THE CWRP HAD NO PERMIT EXCURSIONS OUT OF OVER 6,000 COMPLIANCE POINTS IN 2013.

The ECUA received the Gold Peak Performance Award to honor the Central Water Reclamation Facility (CWRP) and its achievement of perfect compliance with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the 2013 calendar year. Coincidentally, the 2013 award comes to the CWRP on the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Ivan, which proved to be the catalyst for its construction and ultimate replacement for the former Main Street Wastewater Treatment Plant.



From Left to Right: Mr. Ray Yarborough, Plant Manager, CWRP; Dr. Larry Walker, ECUA Board Chairman, District 5. Mr. Kijafa Lee, Plant Manager, CWRP.



From Left to Right: Dr. Larry Walker, ECUA Board Chairman, District 5, Mr. Steve Woods, Plant Manager, BMWRF; Mr. Sonny Bonds, Plant Supervisor, BMWRF.

Additionally, The ECUA's Bayou Marcus Water Reclamation Facility (BMWRF) received the Silver Peak Performance Award to honor its near-perfect compliance for the same reporting year. To qualify for this honor, a wastewater treatment facility must have had five or less excursions in the compliance of the NPDES permitting



Mark Your Calendars!

ECUA business offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Sanitation Pick-up Schedule for the Thanksgiving Week

Residential Customers
Garbage, Yard Trash & Recycling Services

Thursday collection will be on
Friday, Nov. 28

Friday collection will be on
Saturday, Nov. 29

Commercial Customers
Dumpster Services

Thursday collection will be on
Wednesday, Nov. 26 (the day
BEFORE the holiday.)

Friday and Saturday
collections will not change.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!

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It's in the Bag...

Do you occasionally see garbage flying out from the top of garbage or recycling trucks and ending up as litter on our streets? Here's what you can do to help prevent this inadvertent littering:

Light-weight materials such as foam-type packing "peanuts", paper, plastic bags, etc., may fly off the garbage truck, causing litter on the street if they are not properly contained. In fact, any materials in the truck, whether they are recyclables or garbage, can potentially fly out of the truck if the items are not well contained or if the truck is very full.

It is very important to bag all your garbage materials securely, enclosing them in a plastic trash bag. While plastic shopping bags alone are not accepted in the recycling program, you can reuse them by placing your garbage or recyclables in them prior to disposal. If we all strive to securely place garbage and recyclables in their respective containers, they will remain in the trucks instead of littering our roadways.

Peak Performance Awards, cont'd.

limits. The BMWRF had a single permit excursion out of 3,632 compliance points through the 2013 calendar year.

NACWA has recognized ECUA's Bayou Marcus WRF with a Peak Performance Award in 13 of the last 16 years, and the Pensacola Beach Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) has earned this honor numerous times. The Main Street WWTP earned the Peak Performance Award during its final full year of operation in 2011.

The CWRF, which provides reclaimed water daily to ECUA's industrial partners, Gulf Power and International Paper, is an advanced wastewater treatment (AWT) facility that the Authority has operated since its construction in late 2010. The CWRF was built to replace the Main Street WWTP, which was damaged in 2004 by Hurricane Ivan.

"The ECUA is an outstanding utility, and a shining example of how concerted environmental management efforts can be considered and implemented. NACWA is honored to showcase the achievements of the ECUA and our nation's public wastewater utilities through the Peak Performance Awards Program." Ken Kirk, NACWA's Executive Director.

For more information on the ECUA's water quality efforts, visit us at www.ecua.fl.gov, and look under the "Live Green" tab.

