



Customer Pipeline

Emerald Coast Utilities Authority

ECUA Wins 2018 Best Tasting Water Award



The Emerald Coast Utilities Authority’s (ECUA) drinking water has been selected as the 2018 Best Tasting Water in a taste-test competition held on March 16 in Destin, Florida. The annual event was sponsored by Region IX of the Florida Section of the American Water Works Association (FS/AWWA). Region IX is comprised of all water utilities in the four westernmost counties of the Panhandle: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton.

The FS/AWWA is divided into 12 Regions, each hosting their own regional competition. Participation in the Best Tasting Drinking Water Contest is open only to water providers within the geographical region who have not experienced any violations in the federal or state safe drinking water regulatory requirements. Destin Water Users hosted the event and provided a panel of impartial judges. Each water sample was evaluated for taste, odor, color, and clarity.



“ECUA water has been recognized as the best-tasting water in the Florida Panhandle for the fifth time in thirteen years,” said ECUA Executive Director, Steve Sorrell. “We’re extremely proud of all our staff members, but especially those in our Water Production Department, who oversee the day-to-day operations. It’s truly a team effort.”



Be on the Alert!



Sign-up to be a part of the ECUA Notification System! You’ll receive time-sensitive alerts regarding pertinent information related to your ECUA service. Alerts will be directed to whichever device(s) you specify such as: home or work phones, mobile devices, email, text messages and more! Register at:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085611910#/signup>



Mark Your Calendars!

ECUA offices will be closed on **Wednesday, July 4**, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.



Sanitation Pick-up Schedule for Independence Day (Escambia County ONLY)

Residential Customers
Garbage, Yard Trash & Recycling Services

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday collections will each be one day **LATER**, on July 5, 6, and 7, respectively.

Commercial Customers
Dumpster Services

There is **NO CHANGE** to the Commercial Service schedule

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!

Watering Tip:

Now that summer is in full swing, many of us are firing up the sprinkler systems or pulling out the water hose. Landscaping experts often provide recommendations on watering levels in terms of inches, but the question is: how to determine how long it takes to apply an inch of water to your lawn? Well here's the answer!

Simply set empty cans out in several places in your yard. Tuna cans are ideal for this because they have a wide opening and are relatively shallow. Then, just time how long it takes your sprinkler to fill them up to one inch. It's that easy!



Call Before You DIG

Underground lines, both on and off your property, can be easily damaged by digging equipment.

To ensure personal and community safety, all area utilities, including ECUA, work with a free "line locator" service to help you spot utility lines before you dig. In our area, the number to call for this service is:

1-800-432-4770

It is important to call at least 48 hours in advance of any digging activities so that all of the utility companies affected by your project may be contacted for verification.



Conservation Tip:



Make time to check household faucets for leaks. A faucet with even a slow drip can waste valuable quantities of water. Just think, 15 drips per minute can add up to almost 3 gallons of water wasted per day, 90 gallons wasted per month, and 1,080 gallons wasted per year! Check your faucets and showerheads for leaks today!

Three Great Ways to Re-Use and Recycle Plastic Shopping Bags

Remember That Many Local Retailers Also Accept Returned Bags

1. A Handy Construction Aid. Use plastic bags to fill the void around pipes, ducts, or other wall or floor penetrations during construction or renovations, to provide a substrate before filling these cavities with spray foam or caulk.



2. A Clean Carry-All. When giving plant prunings away to a friend, leave the mess behind. Place your plant sections in bags that will contain the soil and keep in moisture while you transport them to their new home.



3. Keep Those Stains Away. Before kneeling down in the garden, lay two bags down on the grass or soil, or wrap them around your knees, to use as knee protectors to keep the dirt from making stains on your pants.

