



Customer Pipeline

Emerald Coast Utilities Authority

ECUA Board Elects Officers for 2025-2026

The ECUA held its Organizational Board Meeting for 2025-2026 on Tuesday, November 18. Officers were unanimously elected among the members to fill the positions of Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman. As such, Mr. Kevin Stephens, District Five, was elected to serve as Board Chairman and Mr. Larry Williams, District Three was elected to the Vice-Chairmanship. Ms. Lois Benson, District Two was elected to the Chairmanship of the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) and Ms. Vicki Campbell, District One, was elected to serve as the CAC Vice-Chairman. The Board then re-appointed the following citizens to serve on the CAC:

- Mr. Chuck Kimball - District One
- Mr. Dean Kirschner - District Two
- Mr. Louis Brown, III - District Three
- Dr. Mark DeNunzio - District Four
- Mr. David Murzin - District Five
- Ms. Imelda Cromartie - At Large
- Ms. Louise Ritz - At Large

Finally, the Board unanimously approved the proposed schedule for its regular monthly meetings for the 2026 calendar year, which will be typically held at 3:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month. CAC meetings are typically held on the Tuesday of the week prior to the Board meeting, also at 3:00 p.m. The proposed schedule for the 2026 ECUA Board meetings is as follows:

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| • January 27 | • April 28 | • July 28 | • October 27 |
| • February 24 | • May 26 | • August 25 | • November 17 |
| • March 24 | • June 23 | • September 22 | • December 15 |



Mark Your Calendars!

ECUA offices will be closed **on Monday, January 19**, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

There are **no changes** to any of the Sanitation collections scheduled on the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Wishing All our Customers a Safe & Happy Holiday!



Dates to Remember in 2026

ECUA offices will be closed for the following holidays on these dates:

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| New Year's Day, 2026 | Thursday, January 1, 2026 |
| Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | Monday, January 19 |
| Presidents' Day | Monday, February 16 |
| Memorial Day | Monday, May 25 |
| Independence Day | Saturday, July 4 |
| Labor Day | Monday, September 7 |
| Thanksgiving | Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 |
| Christmas Eve | Thursday, December 24 |
| Christmas Day | Friday, December 25 |
| New Year's Day, 2027 | Friday, January 1, 2027 |

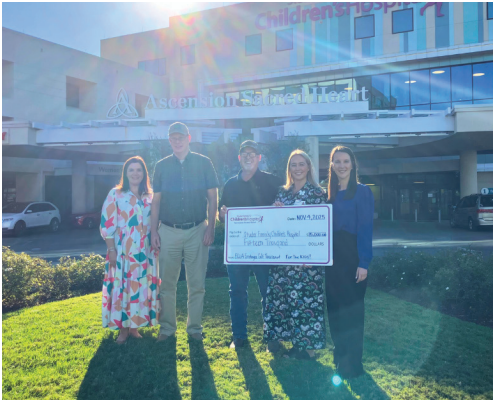
Please refer to the *Customer Pipeline* throughout the year or visit us online at www.ecua.fl.gov to see how the holidays may impact various ECUA services or business hours.

Safe Disposal of Lithium-ion Batteries

Lithium-ion batteries and devices containing these batteries pose a serious fire hazard when disposed of in the trash and should NOT go in household garbage or recycling bins. According to the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Lithium-ion batteries should be taken to separate recycling or household hazardous waste collection points. For more information, visit the EPA site at www.epa.gov/recycle/used-lithium-ion-batteries and find out more about the Escambia County Household Hazardous Waste program at myescambia.com.



ECUA Employees Raise \$15,000 For Sacred Heart Children's Hospital



From left: Jane Lauter, Development Coordinator
Daniel Corliss, ECUA Assistant Director of Water
Production, Bobby Rogers, ECUA Water and
SCADA Operations Manager, Michaela McCarthy,
Children's Miracle Network Coordinator, and
Adrienne Maygarden, President.

Thanks to the support of 13 wonderful sponsors, we're thrilled to announce a \$15,000 donation to the Sacred Heart Foundation for the Studer Family Children's Hospital at Ascension Sacred Heart! Since 1999, our Annual Employees' Golf Tournament has raised a total of \$224,500 in support of this meaningful mission. Held on October 17th at the Scenic Hills Country Club, we had an amazing turnout with 26 teams and 96 golfers, including 29 ECUA employees, all united for a great cause. Special thanks to the nine ECUA employees and two volunteers from Ascension Sacred Heart who made this day possible. We can't wait to do it all over again next year!

Let's Be Water-Wise!

The water that ECUA delivers to your tap every day is of very high quality—and at 0.00312 dollars per gallon (about 0.31 cents), it's an exceptional value.

Drinking the recommended 8 glasses of ECUA tap water per day (about ½ gallon) costs only about 1/6 of a penny per day, or roughly 58 cents per year.



By contrast, choosing to drink the same amount of bottled water daily (based on the average price of \$1.49 per 20-oz bottle) would cost over \$1,600! That means you can stay hydrated, healthy, and environmentally responsible—while spending less than a dollar a year.



Help Prevent Water Lines From Freezing Now



Every winter, many home and business owners face the inconvenience and expense that come with frozen water pipes.

With below freezing temperatures possible through our winter season, now is a good time to review ways to protect household pipes from freezing temperatures.

Listed below are a few simple measures ECUA customers can take to prepare their home's plumbing for winter's freezing temperatures. Visit the Advisories section on our website at ecua.fl.gov for more detailed information on how to address each of these points:

- **Insulate pipes or faucets in unheated areas of the home**
- **Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses**
- **Run a trickle of water from the faucet furthest from the water line coming to your house**
- **Remember the backflow preventer!**

Remember, external, exposed pipes are naturally the most vulnerable to freezing so it's important to prepare now!