



Customer Pipeline

Emerald Coast Utilities Authority

Pensacola Beach Reclaimed Water System Expansion to Move Forward with Grant



If you've traveled onto Pensacola Beach recently, you may have noticed the new water tank that is painted with the familiar Dolphin-in-the-Waves design on the adjacent tanks. This new 2.5 million-gallon tank is targeted for use in the ECUA's project to expand the reclaimed water system on Santa Rosa Island. This project

is a major component of ECUA's Reclaimed Water Master Plan, and entails the construction of distribution mains to deliver reclaimed water from ECUA's Pensacola Beach Water Reclamation Facility on Pensacola Beach to commercial and residential properties for the purpose of irrigation.

The ECUA currently provides reclaimed water from this advanced wastewater treatment (AWT) facility to the Santa Rosa Island Authority to irrigate the public rights-of-way along portions of Via de Luna Drive. ECUA's goal for this expansion project is to make reclaimed water available for use by more Pensacola Beach residents and business owners. Irrigation of these properties is currently achieved through the use of potable water from ECUA's water system. Construction of the 2.5 million gallon tank was the initial stage of the project, with subsequent future phases to construct approximately six miles of distribution pipes to make the reclaimed water available for irrigation throughout Pensacola Beach. The major benefits of this project are the reduction in the use of expensive and highly treated drinking water for watering lawns and landscaping, along with a reduction in the discharge to Santa Rosa Sound from the Pensacola Beach Water Reclamation Facility. This will preserve and protect local groundwater and surface water resources.

The future system expansion will be funded primarily through a \$4.68 million grant that ECUA recently received through the Natural Resources Damage Assessment (NRDA) program that is directly associated with the RESTORE Act. This funding is made available through penalties assessed as a result of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The project construction is planned for the fall and winter months through the next three years to avoid impacts to Pensacola Beach during the peak tourist seasons. The initial phase will provide reclaimed water for irrigation to commercial properties within portions of the business core area on Pensacola Beach.



Mark Your Calendars!

ECUA offices will be closed on **Thursday, 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

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

Commercial Customers

Dumpster Services will be provided one day **EARLIER** on July 3.

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!

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>

