

WATER WORKS

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Students from Eight Local Middle Schools Shine at Fourth Annual Model Water Tower Competition

On April 19, the fourth annual Model Water Tower competition was held at our Shamrock Community Use Building. CCWA hosted 21 sixth graders from eight CCPS middle schools: Rex Mill Middle School, Babb Middle School, Mundy's Mill Middle School, M.D. Roberts Middle School, Pointe South Middle School, Kendrick Middle School, Adamson Middle School, and Morrow Middle School.

The competition provides information to young students on water resource engineering, infrastructure, water treatment and conservation with the hope that some will become future water professionals. The mission statement for the competition is: "From Today's Youth Come Tomorrow's Leaders – Let's Lead Some To The Water Profession."

We'd like to thank our sponsors – Gas South, Master Meter, Consolidated Pipe & Supply Company, Hazen and Sawyer, Ferguson Waterworks and Jacobs Engineering Group - for helping to make our event a success. We look forward to continuing to host the MWT competition next spring, and expanding our partnerships with Clayton County Public Schools.

Winning Towers:

- 1st Place – Tamaria Dixon & Akiil Davis, Adamson Middle School
- 2nd Place – Ashley Nolasco, Babb Middle School
- 3rd Place – Ruby Payan, Kendrick Middle School
- Award for Best Engineering Design – Tiana Lynch & Shariah Green-Blackwood, Pointe South Middle School
- Award for Structural Excellence – Faith Bell & Daelyn Francis, M.D. Roberts Middle School
- Award for Outstanding Presentation – Emeli Giron-Rosales, Kendrick Middle School



1st Place



2nd Place



3rd Place



Best Engineering Design



Structural Excellence



Outstanding Presentation

CCWA Earns Several Industry Awards

Clayton County Water Authority (CCWA) staff proudly accepted several top industry awards during the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP) Spring Conference in Dalton on April 12 including:

- Education Program of Excellence – CCWA Communications & Community Relations
- District 3 Collections Top Operator – Charles Ecton (Distribution & Conveyance)
- Water Reclamation Facility of the Year (Advanced Treatment 6 MGD – 9.9 MGD) – Northeast Water Reclamation Facility

Additionally, all three water production plants earned GAWP Platinum Awards for 100 percent permit compliance in 2021:

- J.W. Smith Water Production Plant – 13 years platinum
- Terry R. Hicks Water Production Plant – 21 years platinum
- W.J. Hooper Water Production Plant – 24 years platinum

Our Shoal Creek Water Reclamation Facility was also awarded a Platinum Award for 100 percent compliance in 2021.

We are proud of our reputation as an award-winning, industry leading utility, and will continue to provide quality water and service to our community. To see more of our awards history, visit [ccwa.us/awards](https://www.ccwa.us/awards).



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- Just take your current water bill to any Walmart location.
- Make a payment in cash or with a pin-based debit card.
- Once the transaction is processed, the customer receives a receipt as proof of payment.

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Highlights

Outdoor Water Wasters to Watch

As temperatures increase, it is tempting to use more water than usual. Here are some tips to conserve water during the summer! Don't over-water your lawn. As a general rule, lawns only need watering every 5 to 7 days in the summer. A hearty rain eliminates the need for watering for as long as two weeks. Buy a rain gauge to determine how much rain or irrigation your yard has received.

- Water lawns during early morning hours when temperatures and wind speed are the lowest. This reduces losses from evaporation.
- Don't water your street, driveway or sidewalk. Position your sprinklers so that your water lands on the lawn and shrubs and not the paved areas.
- Do not leave sprinklers or hoses unattended. Your garden hose can pour out 600 gallons or more in only a few hours. Use a kitchen timer to remind yourself to turn the water off.
- Maintain your pool. Proper pool maintenance reduces the need for refilling throughout the summer.

Source: Georgia Department of Community Affairs

National Drinking Water Week Highlights

CCWA celebrated National Drinking Water Week (May 1 – 7) with our Water Quality Lab and Customer Service staff at our HQ Customer Service lobby. They provided information about our drinking water while our Tap on the Go team was outside providing ice cold tap water and reusable bottles.

On Saturday, May 21 we also hosted our annual Open House at our Terry R. Hicks Water Production Plant. Visitors learned about our water treatment process and water quality testing to ensure our quality tap water meets all state and federal regulations.



Reliably safe & clean water is our business. Customer care is our priority.

For this reason, we've launched **Care, Connect, Conserve. (CCC)** CCC connects our customers with services that are available in times of need.

For more information, please contact us at: affordability@ccwa.us or (770) 960-5200

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Keep Wipes Out of Pipes

What can you do to help?

**NO FOG
NO CLOG!**

**"FLUSHABLE" WIPES
ARE NOT SO FLUSHABLE....**



Did you know that baby wipes may specify they are flushable, but they should not be put in our wastewater system? This also includes adult wipes, cleaning wipes (Clorox, Lysol), medical wipes, etc.

In fact, the only paper product that should be "flushed" is toilet paper. It is the only paper designed to break down as it travels through the wastewater treatment process.

THE 3Ps

Only flush the three Ps.
Toilets are only designed to handle three things:

pee, poop and paper
(two-ply toilet paper).

- Make sure that is all you flush to avoid messy and costly problems with clogged pipes.
- Dispose of wipes, diapers and feminine hygiene products in the trash.
- Make sure everyone in your household is aware of what should and should not be flushed.

STAYING COOL IS THE START TO BEING HEAT SMART!



- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids, like water. Avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol.
- Wear loose-fitting, light-colored clothes.
- If possible, stay indoors with cool air-conditioning. If you must be outside, seek shaded areas. Avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day.
- Check in on your family and friends, especially those who are more vulnerable to the heat.
- Make sure you check on pets and animals. They also have a hard time with extreme heat.
- If you do not have direct access to air-conditioning or cooler conditions, try to relocate to a cool indoor shopping center or public facility, such as a library.

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Heat Safety



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