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Boring Just Got Exciting

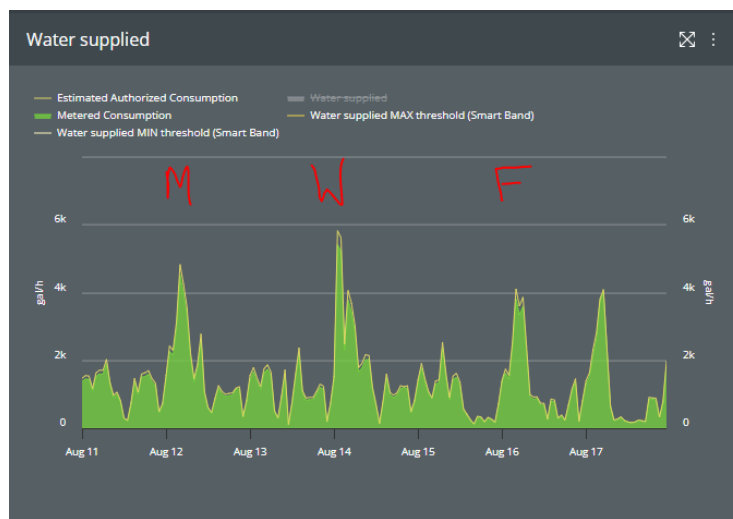
The Omohundro Water Treatment Plant is currently undergoing some exciting changes! New state-of-the-art pumping, flash mix, flocculation, sedimentation, filtration, clearwell storage, and chemical facilities will replace old infrastructure, some dating back to 1888.

The new pretreatment and filter facility was designed to be built in an area that overlapped with an existing stream on the property. To keep the planned location of the facility while being mindful of the environment, the stream needed to be carefully redirected. Relocating a stream is a delicate process that requires thoughtful planning to protect natural systems. We also are mindful of the environmental impact our projects have. To offset the impacts of relocating the stream, [we restored the stream at Shelby Park, improving water quality.](#)



Request to Stagger Irrigation

During the summer months, our system sees intense demand during the early hours on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. This demand can strain our system and affect water pressures.



The average American family uses 320 gallons of water per day, about 30 percent of which is devoted to outdoor uses. More than half of that outdoor water is used for watering lawns and gardens. Nationwide, landscape irrigation is estimated to account for nearly one-third of all residential water use, totaling nearly 9 billion gallons per day.

When it comes to irrigation, we understand that it is easiest to stick to a schedule, especially for those with automatic irrigation systems. However, to help maintain balanced pumping capacity during the early morning hours, Metro Water Services kindly asks residents with automatic irrigation systems to follow a staggered schedule based on their home address.

- Odd-numbered addresses water between the hours of 7:00pm - 4:00am on ***Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays***
- Even-numbered addresses water between the hours of 7:00pm - 4:00am on ***Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays***

We ask residents to please not water more than 3 days a week and to adhere to this schedule and times.



In Fall 2024, the construction team began tunneling approximately up to 60 feet below the surface using a Microtunneling Boring Machine, a method chosen for its precision and minimal surface disturbance. The tunnel and pipe were completed in March 2025. Completion of the stream relocation is a major milestone for the [Process Advancements Project](#).



TN Smart Yards

Thanks to everyone who came to our [TN Smart Yards Festival](#)! Master Gardeners and community partner organizations showcased how easy it is to join the 220+ Smart Yards in Nashville who make their yards better for the environment.

Want to know when we have another event? Subscribe to the TN

Please follow your system's normal irrigation program of two to three hours.

Learn more about the basics of irrigation [here](#).

Check out this month's [Facebook Live Town Hall](#) with Director Scott Potter, where he addresses staggered irrigation.

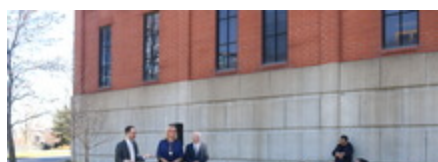
Celebrating Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water

Drinking Water Week won't be back until next year, but we continue to appreciate our ability to turn the tap and have safe, clean, and reliable water pour out of the faucet, ready to drink.

We celebrate Drinking Water Week annually during the first week of May. This year, we celebrated by joining up with local coffee shops in the Germantown/Salemtown area to distribute coffee sleeves. After all, Great Coffee Begins With Great Water! We also enjoyed coffee breaks with our co-workers throughout the week across several of our campuses.

Cozy up with a cup of coffee and learn more about Nashville's safe drinking water by reading this year's Consumer Confidence Report, now available at ccr.nashville.gov. The annual Consumer Confidence Report shares not only the vital role tap water plays in our daily lives, but also the critical work that water professionals accomplish around the clock to ensure the delivery of quality tap water.

Marking History



The Nashville District Energy System (NDES) recently

Subscribe to the [TIN Smart Yards Newsletter](#).

Apply to Work with Us!

Are you or someone you know interested in a job that gives you the opportunity to positively impact our community?

MWS is always looking for passionate people looking to make a positive impact to join our team. Learn more about our current opportunities [here](#).

Ongoing projects

[Check out](#) our ongoing projects. We appreciate your patience as we perform regular maintenance and repair to our infrastructure!



unveiled a historic marker commemorating the

system's 50-year record supporting our city's sustainability and utility independence. The system has grown significantly over the past 50 years and transitioned to a natural gas-fired steam plant at its current location in 2003. The marker signifies Nashville's steadfast commitment to sustainable growth and innovation and is located along Korean Veteran's Boulevard next to the current MNDES facility at 90 Peabody Street.

Metro Water Services and the NDES Energy Generating Facility commemorated 20 years of providing alternative heating and cooling services to Nashville's downtown core with a proclamation and open house in December 2023.

Operated by Constellation Energy Services, the NDES facility has provided Nashville customers with a greener alternative for their heating and cooling needs, while reducing energy demands since December 2003. NDES has been managed by MWS since 2020.

For more information on NDES, please visit <https://nashvilledistrictenergy.com>.



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Use Water Wisely This Summer

As things start to heat up, you may find yourself using even more water through the summer. Last year, over half of MWS customers' summer water usage was 30% above their winter water usage. By using water wisely, you can reduce how much you use and reduce your bill.

- Irrigate in morning or evening to avoid less effective irrigation caused by evaporation.
- Use a spray nozzle when washing cars so water does not continue to run.
- Be mindful that you are not watering walkways, sidewalks, streets, or other hard surfaces when irrigating.
- Sweep driveways, sidewalks, and steps rather than hosing off.
- Wash the car with water from a bucket or consider using a commercial car wash that recycles water.
- Use a rain barrel to collect water for use on outdoor plants.

You may also consider pursuing a Tennessee Smart Yard. Tennessee Smart Yards is an Extension-led program that guides Tennesseans on practices they can apply in their outdoor spaces to create healthier, more ecologically-sound landscapes and communities.

Join us!

MWS holds monthly Facebook Live events with our Director, Scott Potter, providing viewers an opportunity to get a glimpse inside many of our facilities and learn more about our processes. Follow us on Facebook for notifications! If you are unable to join us live, you can also watch all past events on our [Facebook page](#).

Do you know someone who's interested in conservation and sustainability? Or someone who wants to learn more about local government and what we do? Use this [HUB Request Form](#) to book a tour at our Stormwater Demonstration Campus where we'll show you all things Stormwater

Do you have any friends, family, or neighbors who you think would be interested in receiving this quarterly update? Send them to [this link](#) or have them email us to join the list at MWSCommunications@groups.Nashville.gov

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