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## Back to School!

It is that time of year! No, not *FALL*...not *FOOTBALL SEASON*... **BACK TO SCHOOL!!!**

Here are some tips (from your favorite water utility) to make the transition back to school a little smoother for all involved (including the water utility).

**1. Don't forget a water bottle!** Staying hydrated is key to staying on top of things. Get a reusable one in your favorite color and fill it up before you leave for the day!

**2. Wash your hands!** Clean hands can help stop germs from spreading from one

## Day Without Water

**Close your eyes and imagine.** No water to drink, or to wash your hands with. No water to shower, flush the toilet, or do laundry. Hospitals would close without water. Firefighters couldn't put out fires and farmers couldn't water their crops. Disease would spread.

Many Americans take water for granted every day. But what would a day be like without water? Imagine a Day Without Water 2022 will be the eighth annual day to raise awareness and educate America about the value of water.

Throughout the month and the week of October leading up to this year's Day Without Water on October 20th, MWS invites you to join us in imagining just what that would look like. Check our social media as we hold contests and share ways to get involved in the community to raise awareness about what a Day Without Water would really mean.

Learn more about this campaign and ways you can get involved [here](#).



**Imagine a Day Without Water**

person to another at home and at school.

### **3. Pack lunch in reusable containers!**

Single-use paper and plastic bags, water bottles, etc. use a considerable amount of water to create. Using re-usable containers saves water and also prevents waste.

### **4. Trash the wipes!**

Even 'flushable' wipes should be tossed in the trash instead of a toilet.



## **Zero Waste Tip of the Quarter**

Did you know coffee pods, like K-Cups aren't recyclable? Plastic coffee pods must be placed in the trash. Try making a **pot of coffee and sharing with friends or coworkers** or

## **Zero Waste Leadership Program**

During the month of June, the Zero Waste Nashville team hosted their first iteration of the Zero Waste Leadership Training Program. Twenty residents were chosen from across Davidson County to learn about [Davidson County's Long-Term Zero Waste Master Plan](#) and the role each of us play in Nashville's journey toward zero waste.

These Leaders were trained in each major aspect of Davidson County's waste stream, including sessions on landfills, recycling, composting, and construction and demolition debris. After each presentation, leaders were invited on tours of facilities managing these streams, including a transfer station, where waste is taken on the way to a landfill, a recycling facility, Tennessee's only industrial composting facility, and a C&D landfill.

Leaders will now go to their local networks to help others start and continue their personal waste reduction journey. Look for projects and presentations in your community! Together, we can help [Nashville achieve zero waste](#).

The Zero Waste Leadership Program will run another session and we will announce when applications are open. In the meantime, [take a virtual tour of Nashville's recycling facility to learn about recycling](#), join the team for a [webinar](#), and check out more [zero waste resources](#) on our website.

getting a reusable  
coffee pod!

## Work with Us!

Are you or someone you know interested in a job that gives you the opportunity to positively impact our community? If so, we are interested in you!

Metro Water Services is always looking for passionate people looking to make a positive impact to join our team. If you or someone you know is looking for the next step in their career, look no further! Learn more about our current opportunities [here](#).



## Debris / Leaves

With Fall just around the corner, it's the perfect time to brush up on Brush and Leaf Collection!

All yard waste (brush, leaves, and grass clippings) is banned from trash collection and **cannot** be placed in your trash cart or dumpsters. Brush collection is provided to residential single-family homes in Metro Nashville's Urban and General Services Districts. Residential brush and yard waste is collected four times a year on a rotation **schedule** along 12 routes.

You can use the Nashville Waste Wizard to find out when brush trucks are scheduled to be collecting in your area. The dates listed on the calendar are the start dates for each route. It normally takes one to three weeks to pick up all the brush in a route.

For more information about brush collection, please [visit our site](#).

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# Did you know?

Our website can be translated into more than 65 different languages by clicking the translation tab on the



On August 19<sup>th</sup>, MWS celebrated the multiple improvements made to the Third Avenue North corridor near Salemtown. These improvements were made in partnership with Metro Parks and WeGo as part of a large capital infrastructure project to optimize operations at the Central Water Reclamation Facility related to the Environmental Protection Agency Consent Decree.

In addition to the new playground, water feature, walkway, bus shelter and lighting, the area also upholds our commitment to sustainability. Over 4,000 plantings, some in rain gardens, provide color and promote pollination. As the project progresses, nearly 10 acres of natives will be planted throughout the campus increasing filtration, sequestering carbon and improving runoff quality and increasing the area's biodiversity.

In addition to the native plantings and rain gardens, visitors to the area will notice boulders positioned around the area. These are not just any boulders; they came from the 35-foot hole that had to be created for the construction of the new headworks. Roughly 120 boulders were salvaged to be used in this area and the remaining stone was crushed and used as gravel on the construction site. Reusing material saves money, reduces the project footprint, reduces waste, and saves energy.

We are proud of the improvements and thankful that neighbor input has allowed us and our partners to provide some longstanding needs to the community that we, as a Metro government, serve, belong to, and call home.

header of the  
Nashville.gov website!



For more information, please visit our [online Open House](#).

## 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 on Facebook for notifications!

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Join us for a tour of one of our facilities! Learn more about the water you drink or the water you're sending back our way. We offer both adult and student tours of our KR Harrington Water Treatment Plant as well as our Whites Creek Water Reclamation Facility. [Learn more](#) about these tours or [schedule one today](#).

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Metro Water Services will be participating in the Nashville Urban Fair, taking place September 9<sup>th</sup> – September 18<sup>th</sup>. This year's booth will focus on Stormwater, Water, and Zero Waste. We will have demonstrations, displays, and examples on protecting our rivers, creeks, and streams from storm drain pollution; where to properly plant a tree; what not to flush; and what should be recycled. If you plan to attend the fair, come by and see us!

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We are excited to announce Citizen's Water Academy will be returning this Fall! CWA is an opportunity for you to #DiscoverWater and learn about our most precious natural resource, water, and how MWS manages it from "river to river." CWA is an in-person interactive five-session program, held over the course of 2.5 weeks. Participants will have the opportunity to interact with MWS Staff and experience the treatment process by touring various MWS facilities - including our Research and Analytical Laboratory and historic Omohundro Water Treatment Plant. Keep an eye out for the application, coming soon, or [send us an email](#) requesting to be notified when dates are determined.



*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](mailto:MWSCommunications@groups.Nashville.gov)*

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