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Annual Report Release

We recently released the 2022 Annual Report: *Building Community Through Engagement*.

The Annual Report provides financial details for FY22 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022) and highlights progress made during this 12-month period through projects, outreach and partnerships and more.

Read the full report on our [site](#).

Consumer Confidence Report

Metro Water Services (MWS) is pleased to share the 2022 Consumer Confidence Report. We are regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Safe Drinking Water Act, which requires community water systems to provide all customers an annual report. This report includes information on our source water, our compliance with drinking water regulations, water quality testing results, and other educational information.

You can read the full report by visiting ccr.nashville.gov.

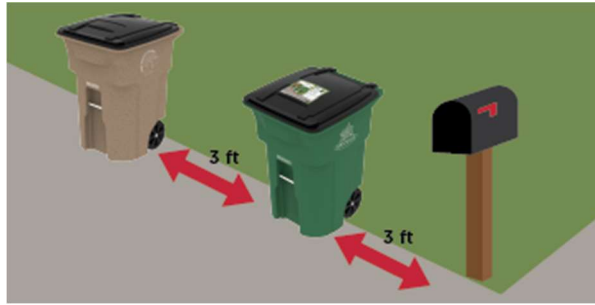
Please share this information with other people who drink our water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, or businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Recycle Right!

Drinking Water Week

Drinking Water Week (DWW) is honored the first full week of May each year, taking place **May 7th - May 13th** this year. DWW is an opportunity to bring attention to and appreciate our ability to turn your tap and have safe, clean, and reliable water pour out of the faucet, ready to drink.

We celebrated this year with the release of the Consumer Confidence Report, the graduation of our Spring 2023 Citizen's Water Academy, and social media. Here in Nashville, we are lucky to have safe drinking water not just during Drinking Water Week, but all year round!



Cart Placement. When setting your recycling or trash cart outside, do not place the cart within 3 feet of any stationary object such as a car, mailbox, utility pole, etc. This is so the collection trucks can reach the carts.

Electronics Recycling. Do you have broken electronics like printers, radios, or string lights that can no longer be used? Don't put them in your cart - recycle them at East, Ezell, or Omohundro [Convenience Centers](#)! Anderson Lane Convenience Center does not offer electronics recycling.



Per [Metro Code](#), electronics are not allowed in waste containers and should be recycled. To be recycled, electronics should be taken to a [Electronic Waste Recycling Drop Off](#) at one of these three Convenience Centers. This service is available to all Davidson County residents at no cost.

[Convenience Centers](#) take a variety of items for recycling, composting, and proper disposal. Visit [Recycle.Nashville.gov](https://www.recycle.nashville.gov) and use the Nashville Waste and Recycling App to learn about the services offered at each Convenience Center.



Trash and recycling service requests. Since the launch of every other week recycling collection, our customer service team at [hubNashville](#) has seen a significant increase in service requests. Due to this increase, requests are taking longer than normal.

Tip of the Quarter

DYK greasy pizza boxes can't be recycled? Instead, **compost your pizza box**. If composting isn't available, **tear the clean top off your pizza box to recycle it** and throw the greasy bottom in the trash.

TN Smart Yards

100+ Smart Yards

We have reached, and surpassed, a major milestone – over 100 Davidson County homes have Certified [Tennessee Smart Yards](#). Each certified yard helps us keep Nashville's land and water healthy, one yard at a time. Smart Yard owners adopt actions that prevent runoff and decrease polluted stormwater. Every rain garden, native species planting, compost bin, rain barrel, pollinator patch, and wildlife

For lower priority requests such as minor cart repairs or cart removal, requests are taking on average around three weeks to turn around, possibly longer. For these requests, please keep your cart at the curb until the cart is repaired or removed.

Please contact [hubNashville](#) for an update on your request if it is not completed in that timeframe. We appreciate your patience as we work through these service needs.

Urban Bird Treaty Signed



On May 13th, we celebrated [World Migratory Bird Day](#) (WMBD) at Shelby Bottoms and Greenway, one of the four areas within Nashville that has been designated as an Important Bird Area by

Audubon and the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency. The theme of this year's WMBD celebration, "Water: Sustaining Bird Life", brought attention to the importance of water and its associated habitats to migratory birds. Many species require wetlands and open water for migration, wintering, and breeding, as well as for the survival of insects, nectar-producing plants, and other food sources.

Nashville is a common breeding ground for the Wood Thrush and Yellow-billed Cuckoo, both of which are threatened by loss of habitat due to urbanization. The Brown Creeper that spends the winter here used to enjoy the region year-round before their preferred mature forests were replaced with cities and young growth. The Blue-Winged Teal migrates through the Music City to the Gulf Coast and Mexico for the winter season, rarely feeding away from water. These birds

garden makes a difference.

As a thank you gift, Davidson County Certified Smart Yards receive a free metal yard sign, a free tree from Root Nashville, and a free bag of Music City Gold fertilizer from MWS. However, anyone in Tennessee can participate in this free, online program.

Find seasonal tips and more in our Smart Yard Communities [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? If so, we are interested in you!

MWS 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 your career, look no

are only some of the 325 species documented in Nashville (per eBird).

The [Urban Bird Treaty](#), a collaborative effort between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. cities, was signed at this event. This program's goals are to "protect, restore, and enhance urban habitats for birds, reduce urban hazards to birds, and educate and engage urban communities in caring about and conserving birds and their habitats."

Here are several easy actions you can take to support bird conservation:

- Turn off excessive lighting at night, so birds don't get disoriented when flying at night. Disoriented birds can fly into buildings and become vulnerable after flying around for too long.
- Keep your cats indoors or create an outdoor "catio." House and feral cats are nonnative species estimated to kill over 1 billion birds annually in the U.S.
- Replace some, or all, of your lawn with native plants that provide shelter, nesting areas, and food, for birds.
- Avoid pesticides that can harm birds through direct contact or indirectly when they eat contaminated seeds or insects.
- Look for bird friendly coffee whose beans are grown in the shade, preserving the sunny regions for the forest canopy and migratory birds.
- Reduce, reuse, and recycle your plastic. We know that plastic is bad for aquatic animals like turtles and fish, but birds also become victims when they eat plastics, mistaking it for food.

Nashvillians come in contact with the habitat of these birds every day, and it is important that we all do our part in preserving their home. If you see water pollution that could be detrimental to the bird population, please email details to stormwaterquality@nashville.gov.

further! Learn more about our current opportunities [here](#).

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In May 2022, Metro Water Services entered a new 5-year contract with the Nashville Chew Crew to assist with vegetation control on the Metro Center Levee, which stretches from I-65 to Clarksville Pike just north of downtown Nashville.

Metro is required to manage the vegetation on the levee to meet inspection and maintenance requirements per the Army Corps of Engineers. Thick vegetation could cause vulnerabilities or conceal issues affecting the stability of the levee.

A flock of approximately 200 sheep including a combination of adults up to eight (8) years old and young lambs as young as two (2) - three (3) months old “work” along the levee within a temporary fence for months at a time. In keeping with MWS’s strict attention to safety and security, a trained guardian dog, Dolly, remains on site with the flock 24 hours a day.

The steep and uneven terrain of the levee has historically made vegetation control on the river side difficult and costly. The chew crew keeps the 3-mile-

Check our ongoing projects!

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

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long levee cleared of brush and tall grasses for less than \$80,000/year. In addition to the cost savings, the use of grazing animals is safer, more environmentally friendly, and socially engaging.

For more information regarding The Chew Crew, visit their website at: www.nashvillechewcrew.com.



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](#).

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.

To start the summer off right, we are offering Sunset tours! Join us at KR Harrington Water Treatment Plant on June 7th at 5:30 or Whites Creek Water Reclamation Facility on June 8th at 5:30. If you have the time, make it a Water Week and join us for both! [Secure your tickets](#) while they are still available.

[Learn more](#) about these tours or [schedule one today](#).



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