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Citizens Water Academy

We are excited to announce Citizen's Water Academy will be returning this Fall!

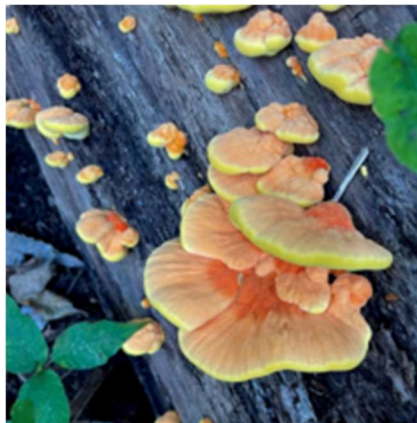
CWA is an in-person interactive five-session program, held over the course of 2.5 weeks. Participants will have the opportunity to interact with MWS Staff and experience the treatment process by touring various MWS facilities - including our Research and Analytical Laboratory and historic Omohundro Water Treatment Plant.

Keep an eye out for the application, coming soon, or [send us an email](#) requesting to be

Customer Service is now Customer Care!

Customer service is now customer care! This update is more than a simple name change. It is a reflection of how our customer care team approaches work and the empathetic service we provide to our customers when they contact MWS with an issue.

Stormwater



We're looking forward to carving pumpkins and watching the leaves change, but fall is also the best time to see mushrooms. While foraging is a fun pastime, we love fungi for another reason: its ability to clean stormwater.

Mycofiltration is a technology that uses fungi as a biological filter to digest and absorb pollutants, such as heavy metals, plastics, and slow or non-biodegradable pharmaceuticals, from stormwater. A

notified when dates are determined.



Tip of the Quarter

Did you know you can recycle your soda can? Soda cans are **infinitely recyclable**!

TN Smart Yards

MWS is promoting Smart Yards to help keep our land and water healthy, one yard at a time!

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study granted by the Environmental Protection Agency found a significant reduction in fecal coliforms in rain gardens inoculated with fungi when compared to gardens without this amazing decomposer. A group of volunteers even used the well-known oyster mushroom to clean up an oil spill in the San Francisco Bay back in 2007. Fungi are adaptable organisms that are able to grow under stressful conditions which make them a perfect candidate for our ever-changing environment. While carefully searching for your next Chanterelle or Chicken of the Woods, remember the important role these fungi can play in protecting local waters from everyday pollutants.

Did you miss our rain barrel sale? Don't worry, here's your chance to win a free one! Follow this [link](#) to watch our short, informational video about how rain barrels can help your home and the environment. Once you're done, take the quiz linked in the video's description box, and you'll be entered in our monthly drawing. Good luck!

Is your student looking for a capstone or research project? Are you a teacher looking for a new STEAM activity, field trip, or job shadow? Does your homeschool group need a new project idea? We've got you covered. Make your requests at [hubNashville](#).

8th Ave Reservoir Improvements Project

Many of you may be familiar or at least have seen the 8th Avenue Reservoir, even if you weren't sure what it is you were seeing. Completed in 1889, the 8th Avenue Reservoir is not only the oldest but also the largest of 35 reservoirs within the city of Nashville and accounts for 60 percent of the total storage volume. In 2021, we began an extensive project to restore the reservoir and enhance its operation. This project was deemed the 8th Avenue Reservoir Improvements

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](#).

DYK we have an Outage Map?

[The Outage Map](#) shows all of the currently active water main breaks under investigation and under repair.

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Project and consists of three distinct phases. Recently, the first phase of the project was completed.

The 8th Avenue Reservoir Improvements Project will address geotechnical concerns by installing new cast in place concrete tanks within the existing historic reservoir structure. The new tanks will be anchored to solid bed rock. The project will reduce the risk of slippage, eliminate leakage from the aging membrane liner and valves, increase water quality through baffling, improve operational reliability and flexibility, and eliminate the need for ongoing geotechnical monitoring at the site.

You can learn more about this project at historic8thavenuereservoir.com or join us on August 24th at 10am when we go live on Facebook with Director Scott Potter.



Introducing the MWS Tree Guide!

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our ongoing
projects. We appreciate
your patience as we
perform regular
maintenance and repair
to our infrastructure!

Did you know?

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Our Urban Forestry team has been working hard to create a guide a planting guide for Metro residents--an it's finally here!

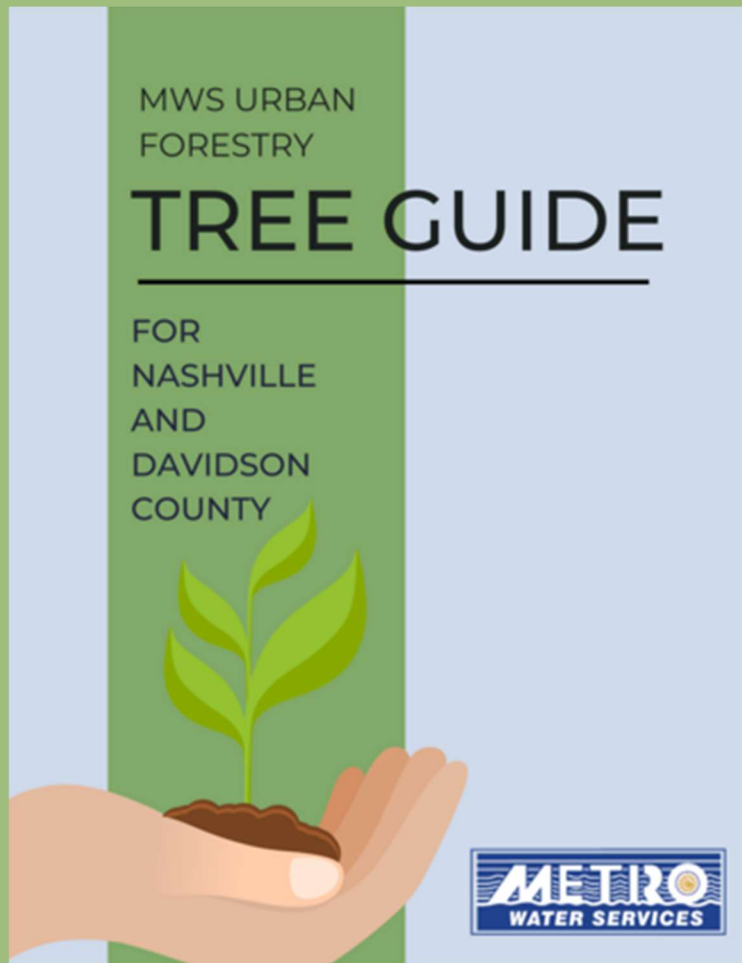
The Metro Water Services tree booklet contains native species, as well as resilient non-natives that have a proven track record in the urban environment.

Each passage contains important notes to help readers decide what tree may be suitable for a given planting area. Beyond that, the guide is also divided into three sections by typical maximum height. Without being familiar with a specific tree type, the height it will reach can be difficult to visualize. Readers can use these sections to select their tree and not be surprised by its eventual height.

To make things even easier, the booklet does not contain any species that are currently on the Tennessee invasive tree list. All trees on the guide are approved and recommended by our Urban Forestry department!

You can find the tree guide [here](#).

Our website can be translated into more than 65 different languages by clicking the translation tab on the header of the Nashville.gov website!



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](#).

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Join us for a tour of our Water Reclamation Facility on 8/29! You'll get a firsthand look at the process behind treating Nashville's wastewater and returning the reclaimed water to the Cumberland. Visit <http://bit.ly/MWSTours> to secure your ticket. Hope to see you there!

The Nashville Urban Fair returns to the Nashville Fair Grounds from September 8th - 17th. Stop by our booth and say hi!



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