



# Coco Water



City of Coconut Creek Utility Billing Newsletter

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## SERVICE TIPS

Install a rain  
barrel

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Choose native  
plants that are  
drought tolerant

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Use mulch to  
reduce the need  
for heavy  
watering



## Utility News

### Leaks are Costly for Homeowners

Property owners are responsible for all water going through the meter. Leaks are expensive so it is very important to check for leaks regularly, not only outside but inside the dwelling, as leaky toilets and faucets can increase your bill if not repaired timely.

### It is the Time to Check for Irrigation System Leaks

Winter time in Florida is a great time to think about improving lawns for the upcoming spring, which may include fertilizing, adding new plants, and possibly new sod installation. Be a good steward of our environment, and check your sprinklers routinely, as these can cause very high levels of consumption if not properly maintained.

In many cases, automatic irrigation systems waste up to 50% of the water they use through evaporation, runoff and over-watering. Much more water (and money) can be consumed with irrigation system leaks.

### Upgrade Your Sprinkler System Now Save This Summer

Winter is also a great time to upgrade your automatic sprinkler system so it's ready to go in the spring. Contractors are typically less busy and have time to install rain sensors and check timer settings that may help you have a beautiful, water-efficient landscape this summer. Broward County Ordinance states that customer's should only irrigate twice per week, prior to 10:00 am or after 4:00 pm, with even numbered houses allowed to water on Sunday and Thursday and odd numbered houses on Wednesday and Saturday. We recommend starting on the lowest setting per water zone and increase as needed. Properly watered lawns and plants promote root strength and will need less watering in the long run, which can save you money.

**USE OUR ON-LINE BILL CALCULATOR TO ESTIMATE COSTS FOR WATER PROJECTS.**

**LOG INTO YOUR ACCOUNT ON-LINE AND CLICK "WATER BILL CALCULATION"**

# KEEPING YOUR DRINKING WATER SAFE

## SERVICE TIPS

Don't flush any items like:

- Baby wipes and diapers
- Rags and towels
- Cotton swabs
- Syringes
- Candy and other food wrappers
- Clothing labels
- Cleaning sponges
- Toys
- Plastic items of any kind
- Aquarium gravel or kitty litter
- Rubber items such as latex gloves
- Cigarette butts
- Sanitary napkins
- Hair
- Underwear
- Disposable toilet brushes



## FLUSHING WATER FOR QUALITY

Residents may observe City of Coconut Creek Utility crews releasing water from fire hydrants. Hydrant flushing is essential to ensuring clean and safe water, as well as aid in the proper management of the water distribution system.

The City does most of its hydrant flushing when water demand is low, usually in the fall and winter.

Hydrant flushing serves several purposes:

- ◆ Flushes sediments from mainline pipes, enhancing water quality
- ◆ Verifies the proper operation of fire hydrants and valves
- ◆ Aids in determining weaknesses in the water system
- ◆ Identifies closed valves and weak flows in the water main
- ◆ Verifies ample water flow for fire fighting

## SEWER OVERFLOWS ARE A MESS DISPOSABLE DOES NOT MEAN FLUSHABLE

Flushing paper towels and other garbage down the toilet wastes water and can create sewer backups and overflows. This can also cause time-consuming and expensive backups in public sewer pipes and at the wastewater treatment plant. Even if a label reads "flushable," it is still safer and more environmentally friendly to place the item in a trashcan. AND...because homeowners are responsible for their property's sewer pipes, improper flushing can cost you money.

Furthermore, whatever goes in your toilet can potentially impact the water environment, so it's really important to keep household waste such as window cleaners, unused or expired pharmaceutical products, as well as paint thinners and other chemicals, out of toilets and drains and dispose of them properly. Additional items that should not be put in the sewer system are listed on the left side of this page.

## Creek Events

Home Grown Concert Series Presents Kristen Spencer: March 9, 2018, 1100 Lyons Road 7:00pm.

Farmers Market: March 11, 2018, 4455 Sol Press Boulevard 9:00am.

Movie in the Park Presents "Beauty and the Beast": March 16, 2018, 1100 Lyons Road 6:30pm.

FOR MORE DETAILS AND INFORMATION ON EVENTS VISIT US AT:

[www.coconutcreek.net/parks/upcoming-events](http://www.coconutcreek.net/parks/upcoming-events)