

STRAIGHT FROM THE TAP

Fairfax Water Plants Win the Gold!



(Above) Fairfax Water employees at the Corbalis Water Treatment Plant in Herndon.

(Left) Fairfax Water employees at the Griffith Water Treatment Plant in Lorton.

Fairfax Water is pleased to announce that both of its treatment plants received the Virginia Department of Health’s Office of Drinking Water Gold Award for Performance Excellence. Gold awards are given to drinking water treatment plants that surpass regulatory water quality standards. The James J. Corbalis Jr. Treatment Plant in Herndon treats water from the Potomac River, and the Frederick P. Griffith Jr. Treatment Plant in Lorton treats water from the Occoquan Reservoir.

“These awards reflect the incredible efforts of the Fairfax Water team. Their unwavering commitment to excellence is demonstrated by the safe, reliable water produced continuously for more than 2 million residents of Northern Virginia who drink and use it every day,” stated Jamie Bain Hedges, General Manager and CEO of Fairfax Water.

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3 Ways to Practice Wise Water Use



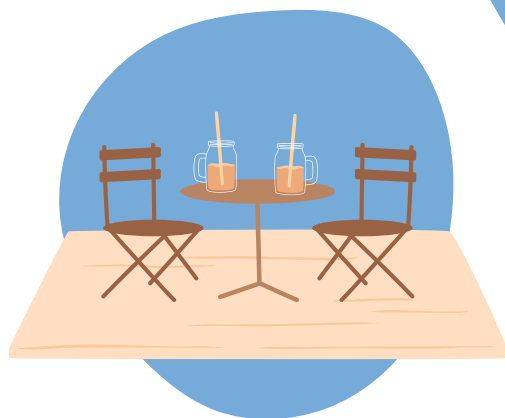
1 In the Kitchen and Laundry

- Avoid running water to thaw food.
- Run the dishwasher only when you have a full load.
- When doing laundry, use the right water level to match the size of the load.
- Find and fix any leaks.



2 In the Bathroom

- Test for toilet leaks by adding food coloring to the water tank. Don't flush for 15 minutes. If there is color in the bowl after 15 minutes, you may have a leak.
- Limit the length of showers.
- Avoid letting the water run while shaving, brushing your teeth, and washing your face.



3 Outside

- Avoid using the hose to clean areas that could be swept with a broom.
- When washing vehicles, run the water only to wet and rinse. Use a container to hold the water used for washing.
- Keep the grass 2-3 inches long to enhance root development with minimal watering.
- Set sprinklers carefully to avoid watering paved areas.
- Use mulch to help the soil retain moisture and to reduce the growth of weeds.



or visit bit.ly/wiseH2Ouse to learn more.

Preparing for Emergencies Is Simple and Smart. Here Is How!



Severe weather and other emergencies can happen at any time. At Fairfax Water, we continually prepare for these types of unexpected events. Because we monitor the water system 24/7, we are ready to respond to any emergency. But we can't do it alone. Prepare your family for emergencies. Having a supply of clean water is a top priority in any emergency situation. Visit ReadyNOVA.org and complete your family preparedness plan.

Be sure to also sign up for local emergency alerts. You decide the type of alerts you want to receive on any or all of your electronic devices. Visit the sites below to sign up.

- Fairfax County Alerts: fairfaxcounty.gov/topics/alerts
- Falls Church Alerts: fallschurchva.gov/alerts
- Fairfax City Alerts: fairfaxva.gov/services/about-us/fairfax-city-alert

2025 Annual Water Quality Report



Our Annual Water Quality Report contains important information about your water quality and Fairfax Water's services. Under federal law, we are required to provide this information to our customers every year.

By July 1, the report will be available online at fairfaxwater.org/waterqualityreport, or you can request a printed copy.

To request a printed copy, fill out the online form located at fairfaxwater.org/reportrequest or call 703-289-6285, TTY 711, and provide your name, mailing address, and phone number. A report will be mailed to you.

A Message From Fairfax County Wastewater

Prevent FOG From Damaging Your HOME

24-Hour Customer Communication Center: 703-323-1211

Wastewater - What You Can Do:

WHAT IS FOG?

FOG (Fats, Oils, and Grease) are byproducts of cooking/baking or washing dishes. Common sources of FOG include:

- Meat fats
- Butter & margarine
- Food scraps
- Dairy products
- Cooking oil
- Lard/shortening
- Baked goods
- Sauces/salad dressing

FOG accumulation in our sewer lines can lead to sewage backups and overflows, which are both **very costly** and **health threats** to us and the environment.

DO NOT pour grease or oils down the drain.

DO NOT try to flush grease down the pipe with soap and hot water. It will cool and harden in your pipes.

DO wipe down pots and pans with absorbent paper towels; discard in trash.

DO

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FAIRFAX COUNTY WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT



We Want To Know . . .

If you have comments or suggestions about the newsletter, please send an email to pr@fairfaxwater.org, call us at 703-289-6291, or write to us at this address:

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Important Numbers

Fairfax Water Services

Info on water service and billing:

703-698-5800

After hours/emergencies:

703-698-5613

To report a water main break:

703-698-5613 or email

watermainbreak@fairfaxwater.org

All other Fairfax Water departments:

703-698-5600

Sewer Services

Fairfax County

Department of Public Works Wastewater

Trouble Response Center:

703-323-1211

fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/wastewater

City of Falls Church

Department of Public Works:

703-248-5350

fallschurchva.gov

City of Fairfax

Department of Public Works:

703-385-7810

fairfaxva.gov

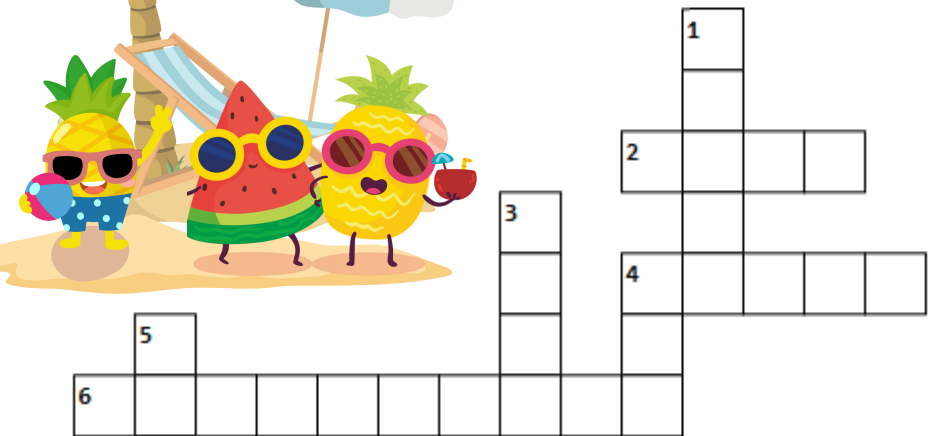
Dig With C.A.R.E.

Miss Utility at 800-552-7001 or 811

va811.com/how-to-when-to/

Use TTY 711 (Virginia Relay)

for all numbers unless stated otherwise.

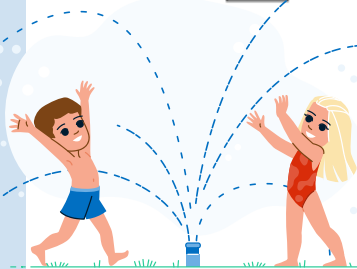


Across

- 2. Lots of grains of this by the sea
- 4. An escape from the sun (maybe under a tree)
- 6. Red fruit with green skin and seeds
- 7. Add this to your cup to keep your water cool

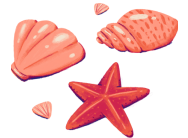
Down

- 1. A place to build sand castles and swim in the water
- 3. Backyard swimming (away from the ocean)
- 4. Lights up the sky and makes summer shine
- 5. Needed for swimming (or bathing or drinking)



remember

Staying hydrated is important, so keep your refillable water bottle handy! Hydration means drinking enough water to keep your body cool and healthy. Each day, kids should drink 1 cup of water for every year of their age.



Want to know when we're closed for holidays?

Check out our website!

fairfaxwater.org/holidaycalendar



Fairfax Water is a public, not-for-profit water authority serving over 2 million people in the Northern Virginia communities of Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William, Fort Belvoir, Herndon, Dulles, Vienna, Alexandria, Falls Church, and Fairfax City.



Designate one glass for your drinking water each day or refill a water bottle. This will cut down on plastic use and the number of glasses to be washed. For more tips on saving water, visit wateruseitwisely.com.