

# STRAIGHT FROM THE TAP

Summer 2026

## Two Decades of Service: Celebrating the Griffith Water Treatment Plant



2026 marks the 20th anniversary of the Frederick P. Griffith, Jr., Water Treatment Plant. The plant, named for Fairfax Water's second General Manager (formerly the Engineer-Director), was conceived following an extensive technical study that recommended replacing the Lorton treatment facilities to meet growing capacity and regulatory needs more successfully. The plant treats water from the Occoquan Reservoir, which is then sent to customers in southern Fairfax County and wholesale customers in Prince William County, the City of Alexandria, and Fort Belvoir.

The Griffith Treatment Plant was constructed on the former site of the Occoquan Workhouse, where suffragists were imprisoned in 1917 after being arrested for demonstrating to demand the right for women to vote.

In designing the plant, Fairfax Water worked closely with the community to design a campus that fit in with existing architecture and mirrored the overall redevelopment of the area.



**Left: The ribbon cutting and dedication event in July 2006. Right: Mr. Griffith at the dedication event.**



**Left: The main entrance of the Griffith Water Treatment Plant. Right: An aerial shot of the Griffith Water Treatment Plant main facility and its drinking water treatment basins.**

### Griffith by the Numbers

Water treated and provided by the Griffith Water Treatment Plant in millions of gallons per day (MGD) on a five-year average:

- **Average water treated:** 63 MGD.
- **Average water provided to Fairfax County:** 44 MGD.
- **Average water provided to wholesale customers:** 19 MGD.





# 3 Ways To Practice Wise Water Use



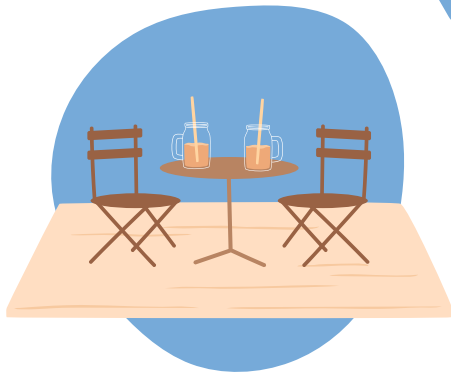
## 1 In the Kitchen and Laundry

- Avoid running water to thaw food.
- Run the dishwasher only when you have a full load.
- Use the right water level to match the size of the load when doing laundry.
- 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 a hose to clean areas that could be swept with a broom.
- Run the water only to wet and rinse when washing a vehicle. 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 reduce the growth of weeds.

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## WISE WATER TIPS

### Reuse Your Glass To Save Water

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. Visit [bit.ly/wiseH2Ouse](http://bit.ly/wiseH2Ouse) for more tips on wise water use.



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