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The Partnership for Safe Water is an alliance of seven, national drinking water organizations, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the American Water Works Association, and more than 500 water utilities. The goal of the Partnership is to optimize the protection of public health by improving utility performance beyond regulatory requirements.

"The PSD team is committed to providing the highest-quality water to our customers 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. We're very proud to be

members of the Partnership for Safe Water.” said General Manager Pete Nardi. “Earning the peer-reviewed 5-Year Directors Award is recognition of the team’s commitment to quality for our customers and community.”

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Water



Make sure you're storm ready
Be prepared this hurricane season



Hurricane season is here. Are you prepared?

The Atlantic Hurricane Season runs June 1 through November 30. Experts are once again predicting [above-average activity](#) this season.

There are several things you can do to prepare now in case a storm does impact the island:

Put together a hurricane kit

This emergency kit should contain all the supplies you would need if you stay & ride out a hurricane or tropical storm. It should include:

- At least 2 gallons of water per person per day (plus water for any pets)
- A crank or battery-powered weather radio
- Mobile device chargers
- A flashlight and extra batteries
- Non-perishable food for at least 3 days
- Plastic dishes & eating utensils
- Any prescription medications and a first aid kit
- Sunscreen, sunglasses and bug spray
- Personal hygiene items
- Blankets, towels and clothing
- All of your important documents
- Enough cash to fill your vehicle with gas
- Pet supplies

Have a "go bag" ready

This is what you would take with you in the case of a hurricane evacuation. Make sure all of your important documents — and for your pet(s) or kid(s) — are easily accessible and will fit in this bag if you do need to leave. All prescription medications or other medical items should also fit in this bag if needed. This go-bag should include:

- At least one change of clothes
- Toiletry/personal hygiene items
- Mobile device chargers
- Any comfort items you'd like for yourself, your children, or your pets

Know your zone & make an evacuation plan

Hurricane evacuations are issued via zones. [Know your zone!](#) You should also look at your evacuation route ahead of time so that it's easier to find a hotel/finalize plans if an evacuation order is issued.

Don't forget about your pet(s)!

Don't forget about your pets when making your hurricane plan!

Your emergency kit should include your pets' needs as well — food, water, any medications and maybe a few comfort items like a blanket or toy.

And when you're preparing your "go-bag" in case of an evacuation, your pets' paperwork (especially vaccination records) should go in with your important paperwork!

You should also make sure you have an evacuation plan in place that includes your pets. Most shelters do not allow pets, so you'll need to find a pet-friendly hotel or

plan to stay with a friend or family member. Hotels are not required to allow pets during an evacuation, though many pet-friendly hotels will waive their pet fees.

Don't drink the bathtub water — and practice these other water-safety tips:

During and after a hurricane, there is always a possibility that the water supply to your home can become contaminated and unfit to drink. To ensure your household has a safe and adequate water supply after natural disasters, take these precautions:

- Store enough drinking water for each family member and pet.
- Store in clean, non-corrosive, tightly covered containers.
- Store containers in a cool, dark location.
- Collect water in bathtubs for non-drinking uses.

Learn more on our website by clicking the button below.

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Hilton Head PSD's Nardi named chair

of national water conservation group

Hilton Head Public Service District (PSD) General Manager Pete Nardi has been named Chair of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) Water Conservation Division and appointed to the AWWA's Technical Education Council. Nardi has been an AWWA Trustee since 2022.

The AWWA is an international, nonprofit, scientific and educational society dedicated to providing total water solutions assuring the effective management of water. Founded in 1881, it is the largest organization of water supply professionals in the world. Its membership includes over 4,300 utilities that supply roughly 80 percent of the nation's drinking water and treat almost half of the nation's wastewater.

"I'm excited to continue volunteering with the Water Conservation Division and AWWA," said Nardi. "It's an honor to help lead so many outstanding water professionals across our country who are promoting water conservation and efficiency, advancing the science of water use and efficiency, and most importantly working to preserve and protect their communities most precious resource – water."

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We're looking for a summer intern!

DATA ENTRY



REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Good typing skills
- ✓ proficiency in Microsoft software (Word and Excel)
- ✓ good attention to detail
- ✓ ability to work under minimal supervision

APPLICANTS EMAIL FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO APPLY:

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PSD Happenings



Teaching about the Water Cycle

Hilton Head PSD General Manager Pete Nardi spoke to summer campers at First Presbyterian Church this month about where our water comes from and what they can do to help preserve it. The campers are learning about the water cycle and water's crucial role in our everyday lives and around the world.



Drone Use at the PSD

Hilton Head PSD uses drone technology to hunt for leaks in our water distribution system. Local drone pilot Jackson Tomaszewski inspects a section of water distribution main that traverses marsh between Jenkins Island and Squire Pope Road. Drones, which can take detailed video and photography, also are used to inspect other infrastructure such as the tops of PSD water towers.

Under construction

Check out the size of the drill bit used for well construction at the site of the PSD's second Aquifer Storage & Recovery (ASR) well on the Ashmore Tract! The ASR well will be constructed at a depth of 600 feet into the brackish Middle Floridan Aquifer. The well will be capable of storing up to 260 million gallons of treated drinking water during the winter months of lower demand, and then withdrawing and re-treating the drinking water for distribution during the spring and summer months of higher demand, yielding 2 million gallons a day. ASR technology is critical for resiliency, such as recovery from hurricanes and other natural disasters.





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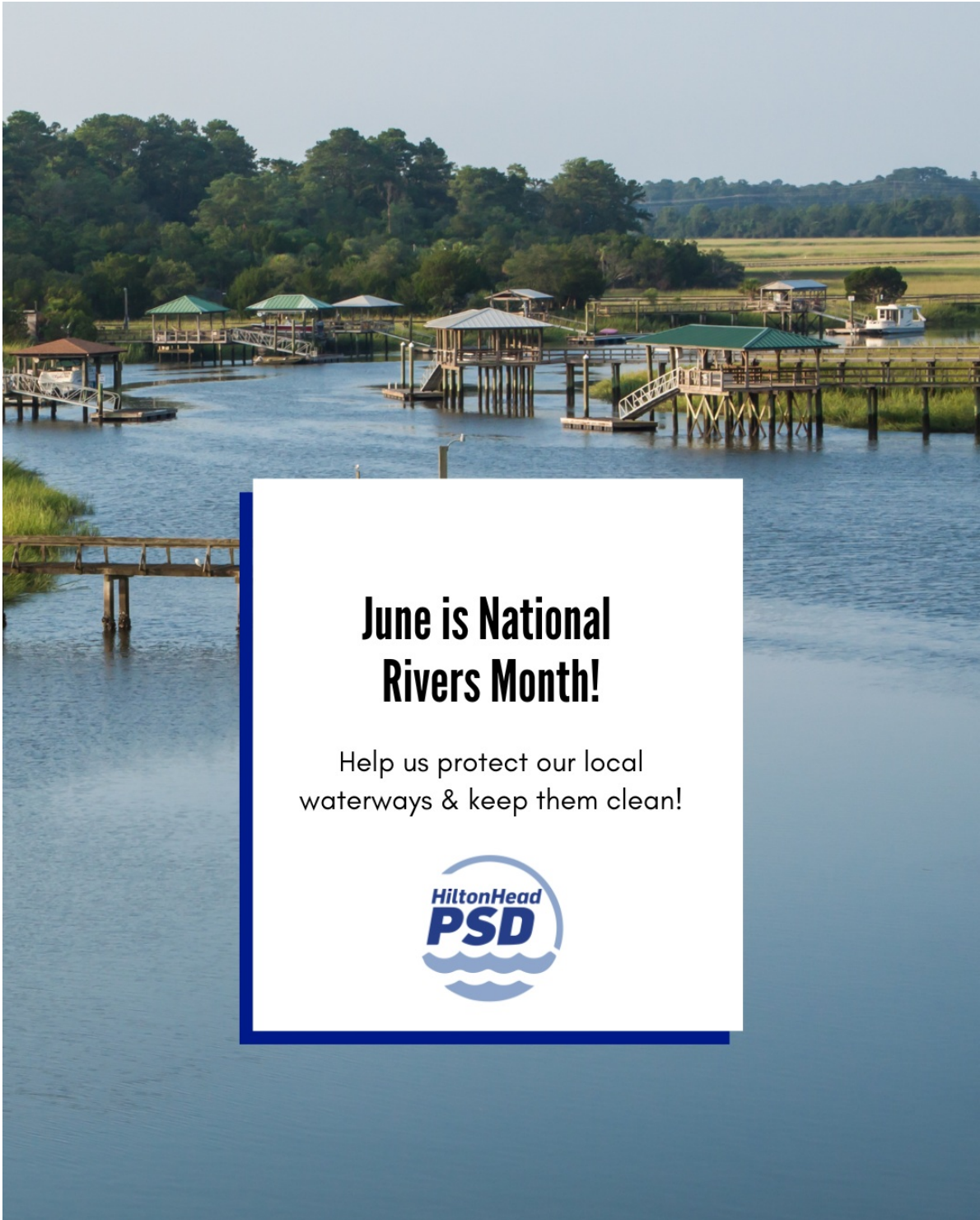


Hilton Head PSD customers have been collecting pop tabs to support families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Savannah — and it's making a real difference. Every little tab adds up to help cover the cost of housing for families with seriously ill children.

Want to pitch in? Drop off your pop tabs in a sealable plastic bag at the PSD drive-through or Customer Service lobby (21 Oak Park Dr, 8AM-4PM).

Let's keep those families close when it matters most. ☐

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June is National Rivers Month!

Help us protect our local
waterways & keep them clean!



June is both National River Month & National Ocean Month! It's a great reminder to help keep our local waterways clean.

In Beaufort County, many of our waterways are unique — because the rivers flow into the ocean, they contain brackish water, a mix of fresh and salt water.

Which means you can find unique wildlife in our rivers — from alligators to dolphins.

To protect this wildlife, we all need to work together to help keep these waterways clean.

Here's how you can help:

1. Protect water quality where you live. Simple actions at home—picking up after your pet, installing a rain barrel, and using fertilizers sparingly—can reduce water pollution in local rivers and streams.
 2. Save water at home! Water efficiency at home helps maintain the flow in local rivers and streams.
 3. Lend a hand! Participate in a local river cleanup or volunteer to help monitor water quality.
 4. Properly dispose of prescription medications. That means taking them to one of [Beaufort County's drop-off boxes](#) — never flush or throw away prescription medications.
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Hilton Head PSD wants you to help save water.



Know the local irrigation law:



Single family homes with even-numbered addresses irrigate on Tuesdays and Saturdays only.



Single family homes with odd-numbered addresses irrigate on Wednesdays and Sundays only.



Commercial buildings irrigate on Mondays and Thursdays only.



Irrigation systems must have working rain sensors.

It's the right thing to do!

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As the weather heats up, make sure you're following Hilton Head's local ordinance for irrigation.

That means limiting your water use for irrigation to twice per week — and making sure your irrigation system has a working rain gauge.

You should also avoid watering during the heat of the day; stick to early mornings or evenings for watering.

Learn more about water efficiency on our website.

[Water Efficiency Tips](#)

JUMP INTO POOL WATER EFFICIENCY!



Summer is right around the corner — and with the increasing heat, your pool can quickly lose water due to evaporation.

This free guide from our WaterSense partner can help you save water & money all summer long!

Check it out at the link below.

[WaterSense Pool Efficiency](#)

ADD NATIVE PLANTS TO YOUR SUMMER LANDSCAPING!



Adding new plants to your summer landscaping?

Bask in water savings by selecting varieties that are native to your area to reduce irrigation needs even with the summer heat.

Learn more Landscaping Tips from our WaterSense Partner at the link below.

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Community Happenings

11TH ANNUAL *Juneteenth* **CELEBRATION** Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park

Mitchelville Freedom Park is hosting several Juneteenth events June 12-19.

[Learn more here.](#)

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