



# LIQUID ENEWSLETTER

**Show your bathroom some love with a  
WaterSense-labeled toilet!**



**Save Water & Money with our WaterSense Partner**

There are so many ways our WaterSense partner can help you save water, money & energy — from educational videos & articles to their WaterSense Label.

Products with the WaterSense Label are made to be more efficient; plus, they offer rebates to help you save money with the initial purchase (and the savings will just continue as you watch your water bill decrease!).

### **Show your bathroom some love with the WaterSense Label**

Ready to upgrade your bathroom? Shop the WaterSense Label to find your new water-efficient products! The WaterSense Label offers toilets, showerheads and bathroom faucets.

WaterSense labeled products are backed by independent, third-party certification and meet EPA's specifications for water efficiency and performance. When you use these water-saving products in your home or business, you can expect exceptional performance, savings on your water bills, and assurance that you are saving water for future generations.

Want more ways to save at home? Check out WaterSense's Home Maintenance Checklist below!

Explore the rebate-finder at the link below — or learn more about WaterSense products on their website.

[Rebate Finder](#)

[WaterSense Label](#)

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# Maintenance Checklist for a Water-Efficient Home



## Do This Once Per Year to Save Water:

- Check your home for leaks (indoors and outdoors) and repair them promptly. Find instructions on WaterSense's website at [www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week).
- Make sure your toilets aren't continuously running. Check for leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring in the tank and wait 10 minutes; if color appears in the bowl, you have a leak. Flush afterwards to avoid staining.
- Inspect showerheads and faucets for scale buildup and clean if necessary. Add new plumbing tape to ensure a tight fit.
- Add mulch as needed over landscaped areas in your yard.
- Check your irrigation system for breaks and leaks, signs of overwatering or underwatering, and areas of overspray, and repair or adjust as necessary. See WaterSense's Sprinkler Spruce-Up web page at [www.epa.gov/watersense/sprinkler-spruce-up](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/sprinkler-spruce-up) and Watering Tips web page at [www.epa.gov/watersense/watering-tips](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/watering-tips).
- Test your pool's automatic refill system and fill valve.
- Winterize your irrigation system and pool to prepare for cold weather.
- Check your service water pressure and adjust or replace your pressure-regulating valve if necessary.
- Have a professional service your home's water heater and water softener (if one is installed). If you like to do it yourself, make sure to flush your water heater to reduce sediment buildup; check the water heater's temperature and pressure valve; and clean your water softener's brine tank.

## Check These Areas More Frequently for Water Waste:

### Daily

- Turn off faucets and hose bibbs unless you are actively using water.
- Run only full loads of laundry and dishes and skip extra rinse cycles.
- During swim season, cover your pool when it's not in use.

### Monthly

- Compare your water bill to the same month of the previous year to identify leaks.
- Weed your landscaped areas so more water is available for plants.
- Allow your grass to grow two to three inches tall before mowing.
- If you don't have a WaterSense labeled irrigation controller, revise your irrigation system's schedule according to seasonal weather changes.
- Check the salt level of your water softener and break up salt bridges.

## Do This Every Few Years to Save Water:

- Hire an irrigation professional certified by a WaterSense labeled program using WaterSense's Find a Pro tool at [www.epa.gov/watersense/find-pro](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/find-pro) to assess your irrigation system and provide recommendations to improve its water efficiency.
- Replace old toilet flappers to ensure a good seal and avoid toilet leaks.

Learn more at [www.epa.gov/watersense/home-maintenance](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/home-maintenance).

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[Download/Print Checklist](#)



# Water Tip:



Know the location of your water meter and keep it clean and clear for regular readings, maintenance and emergencies.

Reminder: Property owners are responsible for protecting their water meters and ensuring that they are not damaged by landscaping equipment, vehicles, or negligence. Property owners may also be responsible for replacement of the meter if it damaged, tampered with or is illegally removed.

Property owners are also responsible for keeping their meters clean and clear. Meters should never be covered or obstructed in any way. Bushes and other landscaping should never cover or obstruct access to water meters. Landscaping that obstructs access to the meter will be removed.

As you clean up your yards for the Spring, please make sure your water meter remains clear of debris.

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# PLANNING YOUR SPRING GARDEN?

INCORPORATE NATIVE PLANTS!



Spring starts next month!

Now's the time to start planning your Spring gardening. By March 20, our area is usually below a 50% chance of already being past the last frost of the season — meaning it's a good time to get those plants in the ground.

As you map out your garden in the next few weeks, make sure you include some native plants!

Not only do native plants benefit the environment — providing vital habitats for pollinators, birds & other animals — but they're also way easier to maintain! Native plants typically require less watering & less maintenance in general.

Learn more — and find a list of native plants — from the South Carolina Native Plant Society by clicking the button below.

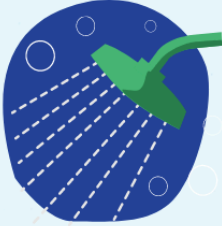
# 5 QUICK TIPS TO SAVE WATER



Only run full loads in the washer and the dishwasher



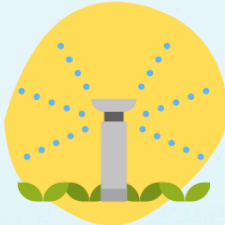
Turn the tap off while brushing your teeth



Take shorter showers



Check your home for leaks



Upgrade your irrigation system



**Seafood is a Lowcountry staple.  
We need to protect its source.**

**Keep our waterways clean.**

It's Hilton Head Island Seafood Festival time!

Seafood is a Lowcountry staple.

And we need to help protect its source.

One of the easiest things we can all do?

Help keep our beaches (and all waterways) clean!

That means: Don't litter — and pick up trash when you can — and don't flush prescription medications down your toilets or throw them in the trash. Instead, properly dispose of them in one of Beaufort County's drop-off boxes, locations of which can be found [here](#). Old prescription medications, over-the-counter liquid, pills and even vitamins can unintentionally make their way to local waterways.

Studies have found that medicines flushed down the drain become contaminants that can harm aquatic life and ultimately end up in our drinking water.

Learn more about what not to flush on our website.

**What Not To Flush**

**New year ...**

**HiltonHead PSD**

**New connection?**

**CONNECT NOW**  
DON'T WAIT 'TIL IT BREAKS

**Connect Now**



# Small acts can make a *big ripple.*



*#BeKind*

Small acts can make a big ripple 

Last week we celebrated Random Acts of Kindness Day. It was a good reminder that kindness can start right at your sink, shower, or driveway!

How? Protecting our water system helps your neighbors, our environment, and our entire island community. To us, that's a very good act of kindness.

Here are some examples:

- ✓ Check your home & irrigation systems for leaks and fix it if you find one
- ✓ Make an account on our online portal to start tracking your household's water use
- ✓ Reach out to a neighbor who might need help preparing their home for hurricane season, getting their irrigation system ready for Spring, or could just use some water-saving tips (or just send them our page!)

✓ Going for a walk? Take along a trash bag & some gloves to pick up any trash you see (if you can safely do so!)

It might not seem like much, but small choices like these help prevent backups, protect our waterways, and keep our system running smoothly for everyone.

Learn more about how to show kindness to our island on our website.

## Water Efficiency Tips



# Get ready to be a leak detective.



March 16-22, 2026  
**Fix A Leak Week**

[www.epa.gov/watersense/fixaleak](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/fixaleak)



Speaking of fixing leaks ... our WaterSense Partner's Fix a Leak Week is next month!

Follow us on social media & we'll be sharing information from our WaterSense Partner all week long to help you find & fix leaks in your home!

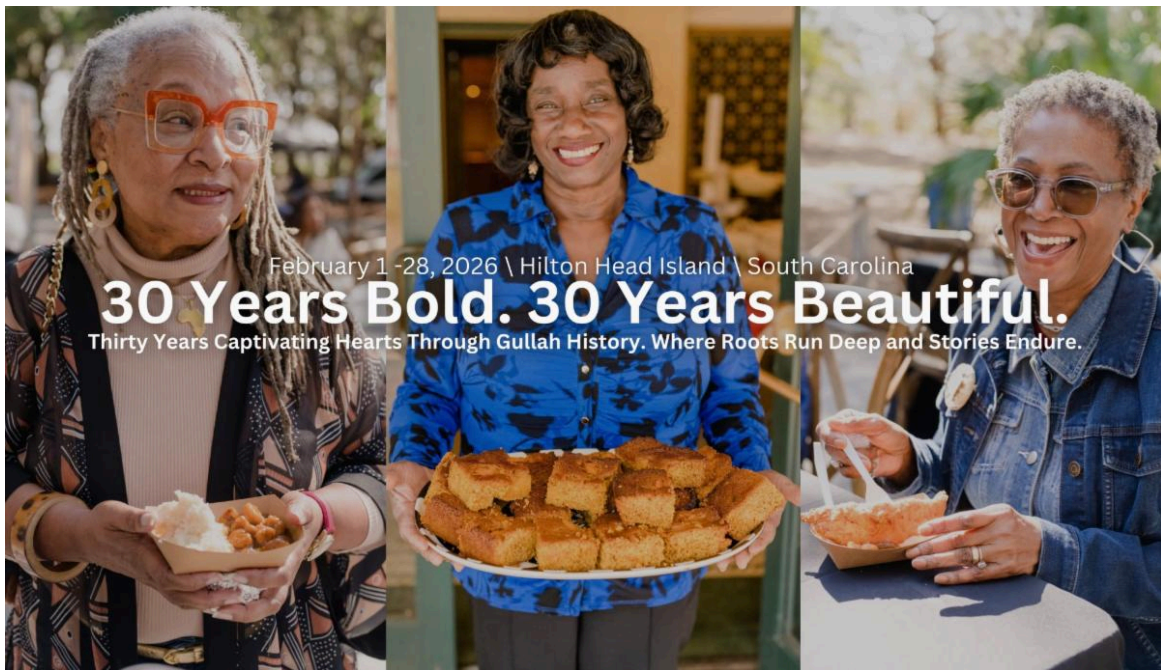
If you do find and fix a leak, you also might be eligible for a leak adjustment for you water bill! Learn more [here](#) — and click the links below to give us a follow on Facebook or Instagram!

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## Community Happenings



### Hilton Head Island Gullah Celebration

Feb. 1-28

Discover the captivating Hilton Head Island Gullah Celebration, a vibrant showcase of the rich cultural heritage and history of the Gullah people on Hilton Head Island. Immerse yourself in a diverse lineup of events carefully curated to captivate residents, regional visitors, and travelers from around the globe. Recognized by the prestigious Southeast Tourism Society as one of the Top 20 Events in the Southeast, the Hilton Head Island Gullah Celebration promises an unforgettable and immersive experience in Gullah culture. Learn more [here](#).



## Hilton Head Island Seafood Festival

Feb. 23 - March 1

The Annual Hilton Head Island Seafood Festival is a family-friendly, week-long culinary and cultural celebration showcasing the very best in savory eats, crafted cocktails, gourmet wines, and more. Over the course of seven days, you'll also have the opportunity to enjoy dishes prepared by celebrity guest chefs, barbecue from some of the best of Southern pitmasters, hands-on cooking demos, eclectic tastings, live music and much more! Learn more [here](#).

## Hilton Head PSD Affiliations

We are proud to partner with the following organizations.





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