



# Metro Atlanta: Responsible and Efficient Stewards of Our Water Resources

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A clean abundant water supply is vital to the continued prosperity of the Atlanta region. Innovative approaches for better managing the supply and quality of our water resources support economic growth while also preserving the region's natural resources. Science, data and good stewardship guide Metro Atlanta's comprehensive approach to water planning for economic, environmental and social well-being.

## 15 counties and 95 cities

There are 15 counties and 95 cities in the Metro Water District.

## 4,803 square miles

The District is 4,803 square miles in area.

## 5,322,871

According to 2016 Census estimates, there are 5,322,871 people living in the District.

## 6 river basins

The District lies within six distinct river basins.

## 2 federal reservoirs

Two federal reservoirs (Lake Sidney Lanier and Lake Allatoona) and 22 locally operated reservoirs are contained within the 15-county area.

## 99% of the water supply is from surface water

Ninety-nine percent of the water supply used by the District comes from surface water sources.

## 50+ water utilities

There are more than 50 water utilities in the district

## Water Conservation Success Means We Use Less Water

The Metro Water District's Water Supply and Water Conservation Management Plan is instrumental in making water conservation a priority in north Georgia.

### WHAT WE ARE DOING

The Atlanta region's water conservation measures include:



**Toilet rebate program** - More than 120,000 older, inefficient toilets have been replaced with water-efficient models, saving nearly 2.4 million gallons of water per day



**Conservation pricing** - A tiered rate structures - the more you use, the more you pay - for single-family residences encourages water conservation



**Leak detection** - Utilities are implementing new ways to find and fix leaks, such as use of sonar to inspect pipes.

### THE RESULTS

- » Since 2000, total water use in the region has dropped by more than 10 percent, even as the population has increased by 1 million.
- » Per capita water use in the Metro Water District has dropped by more than 30 percent since 2000.

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Metro Atlanta has a great - and important - water story to tell.

We need to broaden the conversation. If you know of a group or organization or company that would benefit from hearing the message, please contact us at [comments@northgeorgiawater.com](mailto:comments@northgeorgiawater.com).