



Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District

HOW DO YOU VALUE WATER?

2019 High School Video Contest Fact Sheet

Can you imagine a day without water? A day without safe, reliable water and wastewater services? We are fortunate in the Atlanta region to have clean, well-managed water resources right at our fingertips. The water professionals who work at the utilities and water authorities of the 15-county metro area work hard to provide water and wastewater services so that we don't have to worry about meeting a basic human need. It is imperative that we do not take these services for granted and that we ensure a commitment to investment in water infrastructure now and in the future. How do you #valuewater?

Questions and topics to consider while preparing your video:

- » Think about all the things you do in a day that require water. What would your day look like if you had no water?
- » The average American family uses more than 300 gallons of water per day at home. Roughly 70 percent of this use occurs indoors. (Water Research Foundation) How does treated drinking water get from the source (in the District, this could be rivers, lakes, and streams, or in some areas wells) to your home and back again? Google 'human water cycle'.
- » In the 15-county Metro Atlanta region there are over 50 drinking water and wastewater systems. When your family pays your monthly water bill, you are paying for infrastructure (treatment plants, pipes, pumps, etc.) updates, maintenance, and repair as well as water and wastewater treatment.
- » How many gallons of water does it take to produce blue jeans or your cell phone, or to grow your favorite food?
- » Visit your local treatment facility and interview a water professional. **If you want to capture footage for your video, be sure to get permission in advance.*
- » Encourage your elected officials to support investment in infrastructure. How would you get your elected officials to understand the importance of investing in your water system?

Resources

- » Value of Water: www.thevalueofwater.org
- » Clean Water Campaign: www.cleanwatercampaign.org
- » My Drop Counts: www.mydropcounts.org
- » Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District: www.northgeorgiawater.org

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