

SECOND FRONT

Congratulations to MWA Industry Award Winners

The MWA was well represented at the Spring Conference of the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP), when the Authority won several awards for excellence in the operation of its water and wastewater plants, as well as its water distribution system.

Reggie Cooper was inducted into the inaugural class of the Golden Hydrant Society, which recognizes individual achievement in the field of water distribution.

The MWA Frank C. Amerson, Jr. Water Treatment Plant was recognized with a Certificate of Achievement, or honorable mention, for the Best Operated Water Plant in

Georgia, while also receiving a Gold Award for achieving 100 percent permit compliance this past year.

Not to be outdone, the MWA's two wastewater treatment plants also received state industry honors. The MWA Lower Poplar Street Water Reclamation Facility received a Gold Award for having no permit violations during 2017, while the MWA Rocky Creek Water Reclamation Facility achieved the Platinum Award for achieving 100 percent permit compliance for 19 consecutive years, making it one of only three plants in Georgia to achieve that feat.



Reggie Cooper (second from left), who was a part of the MWA team to receive the Water Distribution System Gold Award last fall, was inducted into the inaugural class of the GAWP Golden Hydrant Society.

Avoid the Bite of Illnesses Caused by Mosquitoes and Ticks

The MWA is following the lead of the Macon-Bibb Health Department, the Georgia Department of Public Health, and the U.S. CDC this summer, encouraging Middle Georgia residents to prevent the spread of illness and disease caused by mosquitoes and ticks.

The Georgia Tip 'n Toss Campaign is a great place to start. Since mosquitoes breed in standing water, eliminate areas of standing water and debris around your home. Drain or get rid of things that hold water.

In addition, repel mosquitoes and ticks on your skin and clothing, while making sure to inspect your body and remove ticks after spending time outdoors. Use insect repellants containing DEET, wear protective clothing, and stay in places with air conditioning or window and door screens.

Some additional tips include:

1. Make sure pool covers and children's wading pools don't sit with stagnant water.

2. Change water in bird baths weekly.

3. Tip toys that might collect water.

4. Monitor flat roofs with standing water.

5. Clean clogged rain gutters.

6. Drill holes in the bottom of tire swings and dispose of old tires and trash.

7. Address tree stumps or rotted trees where puddles might form.

8. Repair missing or damaged screens.

9. Make sure uncovered boats or boat covers (or any covers) don't collect water.

10. Repair leaky faucets and change pet water bowls daily.



For more information, please visit www.dph.georgia.gov.

Water Quality Report Offers Peace of Mind to MWA Customers

The 2018 MWA Water Quality Report is available on our website at www.maconwater.org after July 1.

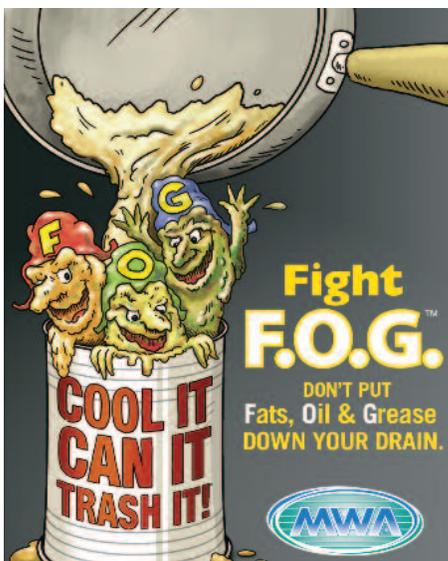
Do you want to know why we think MWA drinking water is the safest water you can consume? The answers can be found in the MWA Water Quality Report.

Water Quality Reports have been around for about 20 years, ever since the U.S. Congress amended the Safe Drinking Water Act to encourage local water utilities to inform their customers of "what is in their drinking water and why." Our Water Quality Report provides insights on our tap water treatment processes and testing methods.

The goal of the MWA Water Quality Report is to instill confidence in our consumers, who can review the laboratory water quality data collected through samples taken by the MWA at all points of water treatment and distribution during the 2017 calendar year. In fact, the MWA conducts about 10 times the minimum number of water quality tests required and verified by regulatory agencies.

The bottom line? MWA customers can rest easy knowing that their drinking water is safe to drink because it meets or exceeds all permitted limits for detected levels of potential contaminants, whether inorganic, organic, or micro-biological, or as the result of disinfectants – and their byproducts – used in water treatment processes.

For more information, contact Gary McCoy, MWA Director of Water Operations, at gmccoy@maconwater.org.



It's a Toilet, not a Trash Can!

Please do not flush:

- Paper Towels
- Facial Tissues
- Wet Wipes
- Rags/Cloths
- Cotton Swabs
- Dental Floss
- Cat Litter
- Tampons



Brian McDade (pointing), a Class II Operator and Top Op in Georgia's District 5, provides a tour of the MWA Amerson Water Treatment Plant during Drinking Water Week in May. In addition to touring the Amerson Plant, MWA customers can learn about their drinking water quality by reviewing the annual Water Quality Report at www.maconwater.org.

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