



Web sites, References, and Resources

Water Efficiency (indoors and out):

www.ConserveWaterGeorgia.net - Conserve Water Georgia

Georgia DNR Water Conservation Program site includes the latest state water conservation plans, rules and guidance, indoor and outdoor tips for citizens (including our top five/*Beat the Drought-Save Your Grass-Water Smart* tips!), as well as extensive conservation resources for stakeholders and the regulated community.

Citizen conservation links include

- Georgia Department of Community Affairs/*Every Drop Counts Brochure* and *Water Conservation Toolkit for Local Governments*
- Walter Reeves Gardening in Georgia/*Rain Barrels for Catching Rain Water*
- Master Gardeners/*Rain Barrels in Gardens*
- Water Use it Wisely/*New Efficient Technologies, Reduce Water on the Landscape*, and *Low Water Use Plants for the Southeast* (also listed below)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency/*WaterSense: Efficiency Made Easy*, and *Water-Efficient Landscaping* (also listed below)

www.wateruseitwisely.com - Water Use It Wisely provides a variety of ways for homeowners to conserve water indoors and outdoors. Included on the website are *100 Ways to Save Water*, *Outdoor Water-Use Guide*, and *Low Water-Use Plant List*.

<http://www.epa.gov/owm/water-efficiency/index.htm> - EPA Office of Water, Water Efficiency Program is primarily concerned with municipal water use. A broad spectrum of stakeholders, from homeowners to state governments, can find information here that can help them become more water-efficient.

<http://www.h2ouse.org/> - H2OUSE - Take a home tour to investigate water saving opportunities in each area of your home. Click on each location to show both the facts and specific advice for conserving water.

<http://water.cobbcountyga.gov/files/meterhowto.pdf> - Learn how to read your water meter and detect leaks at home. Step by step instructions walk you through the process.

Water Use and Conservation 2001. A book by Amy Vickers, WaterPlow Press, Amherst, MA

Water efficiency display materials are available at your local home supply store.

Landscaping:

www.gwwc.org - GA Water Wise Council focuses on the preservation of Georgia's limited water resources. Through educational efforts aimed at school-aged children, elected officials, and all Georgia citizens, the council offers a speakers bureau and traveling displays encouraging efficient outdoor water use and the use of and investment in new indoor water saving technology. Helpful publications from their "Make Every Drop Count" program include *Xeriscape: Seven Steps to a Water-Wise Landscape*; *Water Saving Tips When Planning a New Landscape*; *Proper Planting Results in Healthy, Water-Efficient Plants*; and *Managing a Water-Wise Landscape*.

www.gnps.org - Georgia Native Plant Society gives pertinent information regarding Georgia's native plants and their habitats. Included on this site are a listing of plant sources and a seasonal bloom chart.

<http://www.issg.org/database/welcome/>
Global Invasive Species Database. 2006. Invasive Species Specialist Group.

<http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/>
Weeds Gone Wild. 2007. Alien Plant Working Group Plants Database. 2007. United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service.

<http://pubs.caes.uga.edu/caespubs/pubcd/B1073.htm>
Xeriscape: A Guide to Developing a Water-Wise Landscape. 2003. The University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. (publication can be downloaded from this site)

<http://www.dcwasa.com/news/publications/landscape%20guide.pdf>.
Water Wise Landscaping and Watering Guide. 2006. (publication can be downloaded from this site)

<http://www.caes.uga.edu/topics/disasters/drought/> - Drought In Georgia is a special University of Georgia Web site with the latest information on the ongoing drought, including water use restrictions, climatological data, xeriscaping, water conservation tips for your home, garden, landscape, and more. Also accessible through the Georgia EPD homepage www.gaepd.org

<http://www.p2pays.org/ref/18/17807.htm>
Be a Water Wise Guy. 1998. The University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service. This publication gives tips on landscaping water use, mulching and picking the right plants. (publication can be downloaded from this site)

Water Quality:

www.cleanwatercampaign.com - The Clean Water Campaign slogan is “you can be a solution to water pollution.” This program gives important information and resources (and provides workshops in metro Atlanta) regarding things we can do every day at home or at our place of business to help stop storm water pollution in our lakes, rivers, and streams.

<http://www.epa.gov/OGWDW/kids/> - EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water Kids’ Stuff has information and resources especially for kids to learn more about drinking water.

<http://www.epa.gov/ow/citizen.html> - EPA Office of Water Concerned Citizens site has information to raise public awareness and encourage involvement in water quality issues.

<http://www.1800cleanup.org> - Earth's 911, also known as the 1800cleanup site, has a wide variety of community specific resources on recycling, pollution prevention, water conservation and protection and other environmental issues, as well as many links to other valuable websites.

Web sites and Resources for Educators:

www.gaprojectwet.org - Georgia Project Wet-Water Education for Teachers. Project WET provides training for formal and non-formal educators and facilitators through water education workshops. Also accessible through EPD homepage www.gaepd.org

www.projectwet.org/hwhp/ - Healthy Water, Healthy People. This site offers hands-on activity guides, testing kits and training for anyone interested in learning and teaching about water quality education.

<http://www.projectwild.org/ProjectWILDK-12AquaticCurriculumandActivityGuide.htm> Project WILD Aquatic is a water quality education program. Also accessible through GA DNR Wildlife home page <http://georgiawildlife.dnr.state.ga.us>

www.georgiaadoptastream.org - Georgia EPD Adopt-A-Stream (AAS) program site has information on various programs, participants, monitoring results, public education, training and more. Also serves as a link to GA Project Wet and to GA Rivers Alive (volunteer waterway cleanup program) Web sites. Also accessible through the EPD homepage www.gaepd.org

www.eeingorgia.org - The clearinghouse for environmental education in Georgia offers teaching aids, lesson plans and resources regarding water quality, water conservation and more.