

NO TIME TO WASTE

A WATER SAVING GUIDE FOR HOMES AND GARDENS

OUR WATERSHED...

Starting as a tiny stream in north Georgia, the Chattahoochee flows south to Alabama and Florida, meeting the Flint River and flowing into the Apalachicola Bay. The Chattahoochee River watershed above Atlanta is the smallest in the nation serving a major metropolitan area: 3.5 million people in metro Atlanta depend on the Chattahoochee for water supply. In the next 20 years, this population will nearly double, placing greater demands on our tiny watershed.

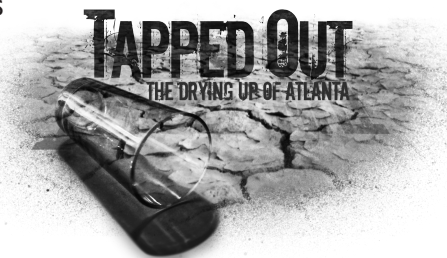
TAPPED OUT: THE DRYING UP OF ATLANTA

Tapped Out: The Drying Up of Atlanta is a PowerPoint presentation that examines the causes of North Georgia's water crisis and offers practical solutions for citizens, businesses, and local governments.

Through *Tapped Out*, viewers learn how to . . .

- Be more efficient with our water use
- Be more efficient with our energy use
- Help our communities grow in a sustainable way

If you want your community group, business, or other organization to experience *Tapped Out*, visit www.chattahoochee.org/tappedout or call (404) 352-9828.



The Chattahoochee watershed is on a supply and demand collision course. We have a finite water supply that is being stretched to the breaking point.

You can make a difference - for our river and for our children's future. Use this guide to become water smart, energy smart, and garden smart!

MORE WAYS TO SAVE WATER & MONEY!

Visit www.chattahoochee.org/notimetowaste to find

- more ways to be water smart, energy smart, and garden smart
- links to information on tax rebates and other financial help you can receive for making your home more water and energy efficient
- ways to help your community support sustainable growth and conservation
- source material for this brochure and the savings identified here

Some Helpful Phone Numbers:

City of Atlanta/conservation kits: 404-546-1264

Cobb County's Water Efficiency Program: 770-528-6244

EPA Water Sense Program: 866-WTR-SENS (888-987-7367)

EPA Energy Star Program: 888-STAR-YES (888-782-7937)

Georgia Native Plant Society: 770-343-6000

Information on Toilet Rebates:

DeKalb County: 770-270-6243

Cobb County: 770-419-6244

Clayton, Fulton & Gwinnett counties: 404-463-8645

For other counties, check with your local water provider.



Keeping Watch Over Our Waters

Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper (UCR) is a nonprofit, 501(c) organization whose mission is to protect and preserve the Chattahoochee River, its lakes, and tributaries for the people, fish and wildlife that depend on the river system.

UCR patrols the river and watershed, educates citizens and youth, works with policy-makers, and holds polluters accountable. Lend your support today by sending a contribution to UCR, 916 Joseph Lowery Blvd., Suite 3, Atlanta, GA 30316, calling 404.352.9828., or going online to www.chattahoochee.org.

GET WATER SMART

| TO DO LIST | POTENTIAL ANNUAL WATER SAVINGS |
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| Fix Leaks <input type="checkbox"/> Toilets <input type="checkbox"/> Faucets & Showerheads | 73,000 gallons PER toilet 3,000 gallons PER drip |
| Update Fixtures <input type="checkbox"/> Replace pre-1994 toilets with low-flow models | 6,900 gallons PER person PER toilet — 5 flushes PER day |
| Update Appliances <input type="checkbox"/> Replace pre-1993 clothes washing machine with a WaterSense certified model <input type="checkbox"/> Replace pre-1993 dishwasher with a WaterSense certified model | 3,450 gallons — 4 loads PER week 1,250 gallons — 4 loads PER week |

Grade yourself by conducting a self-audit at www.h2oconserve.org

GET ENERGY SMART

| TO DO LIST | POTENTIAL ANNUAL ENERGY & WATER SAVINGS |
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| Weatherize <input type="checkbox"/> Install a \$25 programmable thermostat <input type="checkbox"/> Replace single-pane windows with double-pane; install storm doors | Cut heating & cooling energy 15% — save 900 gals. of water Cut power bills up to 24% — save 2,880 gallons of water |
| Update Fixtures <input type="checkbox"/> Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs | Save \$70 in total energy — save 450 gallons of water per bulb over <u>life</u> of bulb |
| Update Appliances <input type="checkbox"/> Replace pre-1993 refrigerator with an ENERGY STAR model | Save \$200 in energy costs — save 3,000 gallons of water |

Grade yourself by conducting a self-audit at www.energysavers.gov/energy_audits.html

GET GARDEN SMART

| TO DO LIST | POTENTIAL ANNUAL OUTDOOR WATER SAVINGS |
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| Plant Smart <input type="checkbox"/> Use native, drought-tolerant landscaping | Cut outdoor water use 90% |
| Water Smart <input type="checkbox"/> Water in the evening or early morning hours instead of the middle of the day <input type="checkbox"/> Use drip irrigation or micro sprays instead of sprinklers | Cut total water use by 10% Cut outdoor water use 75% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use rainbarrels and cisterns to capture rain and rooftop runoff for reuse | Cut outdoor water use 100% |

Grade yourself by conducting an outdoor self-audit at www.conservewatergeorgia.net/resources/water_audit_form_for_homeowners.pdf

WAYS TO USE WATER WISELY!