

Conserve Water And Save Money This Summer!

WHEN WATERING



ONLY WATER WHEN NEEDED.
Depending on the weather or type of plants/turf, you may find you only need to water once or twice per week.



WATER EARLY IN THE MORNING OR LATER IN THE DAY.
Water when the sun is low to minimize evaporation.



WATCH WHAT YOU'RE WATERING.
Check sprinkler heads to be sure they're not wasting water on paved or unwanted areas. Reduce run times for shaded areas.



KEEP AN EYE ON WEATHER.
If rain is in the forecast, turn your sprinkler system off ahead of time.



MAKE USE OF RAINWATER.
Water collected in rain barrels can be later use to water outdoor plants. Make sure rain barrels have proper coverings.

IN THE GARDEN



USE DROUGHT-RESISTANT SPECIES.
Native plants will have the benefit of being adapted to local conditions. In addition, they usually need less maintenance and watering.



MULCH.
Mulching beds can help retain moisture and prevent weeds. Be careful not to over-mulch. Two to three inches should do the job.



SET YOUR MOWER HIGHER
Anything cut less than two inches high is much more vulnerable to burnout, weeds, insects, and disease. Best bet? Mowing at 2.5 to 3.5 inches, depending on the time of year.

AROUND THE YARD



CHECK FOR LEAKS AND BREAKS.
Do a periodic walk-through of your landscaped area to make sure system pipes are in good condition.



SWEEP, DON'T SPRAY.
Use a broom instead of a hose to clean patios, decks, and sidewalks.



CAR WASH WISELY.
Washing your car with a bucket of soapy water uses far less water than leaving a hose running.



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Keeping our valued customers current on all things water, power, and resource conservation.

2022

Third Quarter

Jeff Phillips, Newnan Utilities General Manager



Following the retirement of Newnan Utilities' long-time General Manager Dennis McEntire, Jeff Phillips was recently appointed to the position by the Newnan Water, Sewerage and Light Commission.

Phillips is a Newnan native and graduated from West Georgia College (now University of West Georgia) with a Bachelor of Computer Science degree. He and his wife Vicki reside in Coweta County and have two grown children. Prior to joining Newnan Utilities in 2003, Jeff worked in technology and operations management for AT&T Fitel and KPMG.

"When Dennis approached the Commission about his upcoming retirement, he asked that we consider Jeff as his replacement," said Bobby Lee, Chair of the Newnan Water, Sewerage and Light Commission, the governing body of Newnan Utilities. "For us, there was really no doubt about it. Jeff knows all the ins and outs of this business like the back of his hand. He cares about the employees, the customers, and the community. I know he will do a great job in this role."

Jeff originally joined Newnan Utilities to lead the highly successful cable and internet division. Under his leadership of that division, the business continued to grow and expand its offerings. They built a loyal customer base of over 18,000 cable and internet customers, the highest market penetration rate of any provider in the area. "We were able to do something no one was doing outside of big cities by providing services built on our highly reliable fiber infrastructure," said Phillips. "That was huge for businesses and in our community to be able to have access to that kind of service."

When the cable and internet division of the organization was sold to an investment firm in 2008, Jeff's focus turned to electric, finance and operations side of the business. In 2019, as McEntire began to look toward retirement, Jeff was promoted to the position of Assistant General Manager.

"It is an honor to even be considered for this position, and I am grateful to the Commission for allowing me this opportunity. I'm humbled to be appointed," said Phillips. "Our Commissioners and Dennis have done an outstanding job of creating a culture of commitment to the community that Newnan Utilities serves. You could especially see that last year when the EF4 tornado tore through Newnan. Our employees arrived without us even having to call and they worked hard in the dark, damp, treacherous, and almost eerie conditions, cutting through the trees and debris to help our customers get their power back on. I remember thinking then how much of an honor it is to be able to work with a group of people who care that much about what they do, the people we serve and each other."

"I'm excited to see where Jeff takes this organization," said Dennis McEntire. "He has a lot of good people working alongside him and I have no doubt they will do great things together."

Though Jeff doesn't plan to make sweeping changes as he takes the helm, he is looking forward to expanding some initiatives, such as the NU Recycles program. "Newnan Utilities already has a lot going for it. We have a great reputation and even better employees. I couldn't ask for a better place to work or a better family of coworkers," said Phillips. "It is an honor to work alongside our employees and I look forward to our future."

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From the first water supply in Newnan from Bolton Spring in 1893, to the first flicker of electricity that lit a downtown Newnan street corner, Newnan Utilities has been committed to delivering the services that enhance the quality of life throughout Newnan. In our second century, Newnan Utilities continues to light and lead the way.

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Watch a video from some of the organizations the Caring Customers program has supported.



Learn how the Caring Customers program works.

In Memoriam: Jermaine Stephens



Newnan Utilities lost one of its own on May 12, 2022. Jermaine Stephens was a member of our Newnan Utilities family for almost 20 years as part of our Facilities & Grounds department. You may have seen him around, on a mower, working at one of our events, or out in the community, at the Can-a-thon, high school football, watering the hanging baskets downtown, almost everywhere that Newnan Utilities is involved. We will miss his smile, his sense of humor, his never-ending willingness to help, and the kindness he always showed everyone.

Jeff Phillips, Newnan Utilities General Manager, said Stephens was one of those unique and rare people with a seemingly permanent smile on his face, which made him the ideal ambassador for Newnan Utilities. "He was a wonderful human being who was always first to volunteer or offer to help," Phillips said.

Important Safety Notice

It has been brought to our attention that there is an individual impersonating a Newnan Utilities employee who gained access inside a home. Newnan Utilities employees will never request access inside your home. Our employees have company-issued badges with their name and photo in their possession.

If you ever have a question about someone claiming to be from Newnan Utilities to do work at your home or place of business, please feel free to call us at 770-683-5516.

Newnan Utilities In Our Community

Newnan Utilities is committed to serving our customers and our entire Newnan community. From sponsoring the beautiful flower baskets in downtown Newnan to volunteering at events and supporting local schools, our employees love to be out and about, helping others.



Jefferson Parkway Career Day



Moreland Elementary Career Day



Special Olympics



Electric Car Charging Stations

As part of our pledge to conserve resources and protect the environment, we provide electric car charging stations for our community at two locations:



Carl Miller Park
74 Sewell Road
Newnan, GA 30263



Wahoo Creek Administration Building
315 Miller Farmer Industrial Blvd.
Newnan, GA 30263

Keep Newnan Beautiful Upcoming Events

August 21 – Stream Cleanup • September 10 – Paper Shredding

KeepNewnanBeautiful.org

Shout Out To Our Summer Interns!



These high school and college students work in various departments around Newnan Utilities, including Carl Miller Park, engineering, facilities and grounds, collection and distribution, and customer service. While they spend the summer working with us, they learn valuable work and life skills.

When asked why they wanted to intern with Newnan Utilities, they said that they were excited about the opportunity to learn new skills, and to get their foot in the door of a great company. Many of them also said that they most enjoy the people they work with and giving back to the community.

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