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## Welcome To Our New YouTube Channel



Newnan Utilities is proud to announce our new YouTube channel, and we invite you to subscribe and follow our updates! Our channel is full of content about Newnan Utilities, our employees, and our commitment to community through the Caring Customers program.

Visit [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search **Newnan Utilities** to find our channel.

Current content includes:

- Recent videos about our Composting Facilities
- NU Up Close/Meet our Linemen, two videos showcasing our Mineral Springs Treatment Plant
- NU Up Close/Where does our water come from?

At Newnan Utilities, we work hard every day to provide outstanding water, wastewater, and electric services to the citizens of Newnan and Coweta County. Our new YouTube channel will be a useful platform to share our activities with our customers and our community.

## Holiday Decorations On The Square

The holidays are here! Newnan Utilities crews love decorating the downtown Newnan Square every year for the holidays. With thousands of lights, holiday wreaths and the downtown tree, we love making downtown *shine brightly* during the holidays. A huge thank you to our crews!



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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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# NU CURRENTS

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

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L to R: Dennis McEntire, General Manager; George Lee, Water Plant Manager; Joel Moody, Treatment Operations Technician

## Newnan Utilities Up Close: Where Does Our Water Come From?

Founded in 1893, Bolton Springs is the original site of our Newnan water supply. Over 125 years ago, Newnan Utilities started our journey of enhancing the quality of life for the citizens of Newnan with clean water. Today, with more than 19,000 customers, all of us at Newnan Utilities remain dedicated to ensuring our customers receive the highest quality water possible at their homes and businesses every day.

George Lee, Water Plant Manager, and Joel Moody, Treatment Operations Technician are two of our employees who are responsible for making sure our water reaches and exceeds all the safest measures required and for ensuring our reservoirs are full. As George Lee explains, "Our reservoirs are supplied through our raw water pump stations, located at Line Creek, White Oak Creek and Brown & Sandy Creek. When our reservoirs are full, we have 1.8 billion gallons of water - this is an enormous benefit in case of drought in our region. We work hard every day to protect our watershed, and we do monthly inspections on the dams to insure they are safe at all times."

Joel's team is then responsible when the water leaves the

reservoir system and moves into our water treatment plants. The water is treated and filtered to the highest quality possible. Joel explains, "Our production capacity is 14 million gallons and we are currently running at about 7 million gallons, so we have tremendous production capacity to serve our growing Newnan community."

Many in the community know Newnan Utilities by our three trademark water tanks. "Our pumps pull the water from our clear well into the system and then up to the tanks. We keep the water as high as we can and with as much volume as we can as fire protection for the City of Newnan, and also in case there is any sort of main break. We always work to stay ahead without any issues with loss of water," comments Moody.

Dennis McEntire, General Manager of Newnan Utilities, proudly states, "All of us at Newnan Utilities take great pride in the quality of our water and the robust capacity of our system to serve our customers. That pride comes from the great work our all of our employees and for Joel and George's leadership. I am so grateful to them and our team of employees."

*To learn more, visit the Newnan Utilities' YouTube Channel and watch Newnan Utilities Close Up: Where does our water come from?*

## Environmental Stewardship



Being a good servant to our environment has always been priority for Newnan Utilities. Our state-of-the-art composting facility and our commitment to providing vehicle charging stations are just a two examples of our ongoing work to help our environment. NU Recycles is our initiative is to encourage the practice of adopting recycling behaviors that contribute to environmentally friendly

outcomes in the communities we serve, and to provide education and guidance on recycling best practices. Newnan Utilities will partner with existing initiatives in our community and collaborate with organizations and local businesses currently promoting recycling programs.

NU Recycles is a proud partner of the City of Newnan's *Keep Newnan Beautiful* program. Upcoming Events:

- January 2 – Bring One For Chipper
- January 9 – Tire Amnesty



Follow us on social media for updates and learn more at [NewnanUtilities.com/recycle](https://www.NewnanUtilities.com/recycle).

## Annual Tree Maintenance Underway



Each year, Newnan Utilities and hired contractors work to trim and remove trees and limbs that pose a threat to electric lines. This work, lasting several months, helps ensure safe and reliable electric service.

Safety issues arise when trees either grow too close to power lines, or are in danger of toppling or breakage due to poor health or previous damage. The trees can contact the power lines when their weight becomes too much, or in cases of high wind and rain. Trees contacting power lines can pose several potential threats, primarily power outages, injuries and fire.

Trees are the number one cause of power outages. Newnan Utilities often attributes our low incidence of outages during storms to the tree trimming program. When an energized line falls to the ground, a fuse or circuit breaker should cut power to it, but this is not always the case. In areas with a lot of dry brush, such as in drought conditions, a fire can spread quickly, threatening structures, people, and wildlife. In addition, electricity can arc from the power line to nearby trees under the right conditions. This electric current can electrocute anyone caught near the tree and can cause a fire.

Our contractor, Gunnison Tree, began trimming in November and will finish in April 2021, weather permitting. Some of the streets affected include Bullsboro Drive, Werz Industrial Blvd., Hillwood Circle, Poplar Road, Parks Road, and Lower Fayetteville Road.

To request tree maintenance, visit [NewnanUtilities.org](https://www.NewnanUtilities.org) and select **Electric/Tree Maintenance** from the main menu.



## COVID-19 Updates

The health and safety of our customers and employees is a top priority. We continue to follow the guidelines issued by health experts, the CDC and our local public health authorities. Currently, our walk-in lobby and drive-through at 70 Sewell Road are open. Carl Miller Park is open, with enhanced safety measures including increased cleaning of restrooms and hand sanitizer pumps available throughout the park.

Business transactions, including starting, stopping and transferring service, may be done online. Our customers can pay by phone, mail or online. For added convenience, please consider signing up for Paperless Bills and Auto Pay at [NewnanUtilities.org](https://www.NewnanUtilities.org).

## OUR OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

Christmas: Eve & Day December 24 & 25 • New Year's Day: January 1

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## Your Generosity Makes The Season Brighter In Our Community.



Caring Customers, a program of the Newnan Utilities Foundation, supports nonprofit organizations in Coweta County. Through our residential and commercial monthly statements, Newnan Utilities customers have the opportunity to donate monthly to the communities we serve. Non-customers may also donate online or by mail.

[NewnanUtilities.org/Caring](https://www.NewnanUtilities.org/Caring)

Thanks to your generous donations, Caring Customers awarded grants to these deserving organizations in 2020:

- B.Y.R.D. Behavioral Health [byrdhouse.org](https://byrdhouse.org)
- Children's Connect Newnan Children's Museum [childrenconnectmuseum.com](https://childrenconnectmuseum.com)
- CORRAL [facebook.com/corraltrc](https://facebook.com/corraltrc)
- Coweta CASA [cowetacasa.org](https://cowetacasa.org)
- Coweta FORCE [cowetaforce.org](https://cowetaforce.org)
- Coweta Samaritan Clinic [cowetasamaritanclinic.org](https://cowetasamaritanclinic.org)
- ELEVATE Coweta Students [elevatecowetastudents.org](https://elevatecowetastudents.org)
- HNL, Inc. [runhnl.com](https://runhnl.com)
- 58 Mission [thei58mission.org](https://thei58mission.org)
- Newnan-Coweta Humane Society [nchsrescue.org](https://nchsrescue.org)

