

# IN THE RIGHT *light*

## DECORATE YOUR HOME SAFELY DURING THE HOLIDAYS

As our crews begin plans to install the beautiful holiday lights around downtown Newnan, it's a good time to remind everyone about holiday light safety! Newnan Utilities wants to make sure your holiday illumination is safe and affordable.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, 860 home fires start with holiday and other decorative lights each year, and an additional 210 home fires begin with Christmas trees.



Make sure all **extension cords and electrical decorations** are marked for **proper use**



**Outdoor electric lights and decorations** should be plugged into circuits protected by **ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs)**



**Inspect** all lights, decorations, and extension cords **for damage before using**



**Exercise caution** when decorating near power lines. Keep yourself and your equipment at least **10 feet from power lines**



**Turn off** all indoor and outdoor electrical decorations **before leaving home or going to sleep**



**Avoid overloading electrical outlets** with too many decorations or electrical devices. They can **overheat and cause a fire**



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

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As the Thanksgiving and holiday season approaches, we want to *thank each of you* for your business with Newnan Utilities. We value our customers, and we appreciate your trust in our services.

At Newnan Utilities, we consider it our responsibility to make a positive impact on the community we serve. Over the years, we have consistently given to local nonprofits, schools, and organizations in our community.

In 2017, Newnan Utilities' leadership decided it was time to take our charitable giving to the next level. To be more purposeful in our charitable giving, we established the Newnan Utilities Foundation and a unique opportunity to give through the **Caring Customers** program.

100% of the funds collected from our **Caring Customers** initiative are donated to local, qualifying nonprofit organizations. All donations made to the **Caring Customers** program are tax deductible.

To date, we have awarded over \$88,000 in grants to local nonprofits, including One Roof, Bridging the Gap, and Coweta Samaritan Clinic, to name a few.

**How you can help:** Scan the QR code or visit [enroll.caringcustomers.org](http://enroll.caringcustomers.org), then choose a monthly level of giving: \$1, \$3, \$10, or \$20.



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## Caring Customers Grant Recipient RiverLife Builds Wheelchair Ramp



Newnan nonprofit RiverLife utilized their grant from our Caring Customers program to build a wheelchair mounting ramp for the Reece Center. The Reece Center is a therapeutic horse and riding facility serving Coweta County children and adults living with disabilities. As a result, horse lovers who use wheelchairs or have mobility issues can now safely mount and dismount their horses, bringing smiles to the faces of the riders and everyone watching!

Here's what Melanie Reeves, Executive Director from RiverLife, had to say about the funding from Caring Customers: "Thank you for empowering RiverLife to build a mounting ramp for the Reece Center! This was the biggest ramp project we have completed to date and it will continue to bless the recipients for years to come. It was truly a collaborative effort from beginning to end. The volunteers who built the ramp were students from Coweta and Fayette counties as part of a collaborative Mission Camp called IMPACT with Square Foot Ministries. The students had a great

time, with the knowledge that this ramp would help provide equine assisted therapy for disabled children and adults." One Reece Center participant, Sarah, said, "I love the new ramp! It is smooth and makes it so that I can ride my favorite horse, Jazz!"

Learn more at [LiveTheRiverLife.com](http://LiveTheRiverLife.com).

## Helping Our Neighbors After Hurricane Ida

A crew from Newnan Utilities traveled to Conway, South Carolina, where Hurricane Ian made landfall in late September. They assisted Santee Electric Cooperative in restoring power in the aftermath of the hurricane. Mutual aid programs allow utilities to help each other by providing crews to lend a helping hand in times like this. Other utilities came to our aid following the March 26, 2021 Newnan tornado, and we welcome the opportunity to help others in the same way.

Thank you, Nick Cameron, Garrett Coggin, Justin Bruce, and Darrell Brown for helping others in their time of need!



## Newnan Utilities In Our Community

Newnan Utilities employees love to serve our community. From sponsoring the beautiful flower baskets in downtown Newnan, to volunteering at events and supporting local schools, we're proud of our positive impact in Coweta County.



Coweta Community Foundation Birthday Bash at Carl Miller Park



NU Facilities and Grounds employees at the Newnan-Coweta Chamber Bowling Adventure



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## Celebrating World Water Week

Newnan Utilities is committed to protecting our environment and natural resources. As part of this commitment, we celebrated World Water Week earlier this fall. The City of Newnan invited Brandon Lovett, Newnan Utilities' Director of Water & Wastewater Operations, to speak at their Community Water Information session in observance of World Water Week. Attendees learned about our water storage and treatment, as well as fun facts about the Newnan Utilities water towers. Did you know that the elevation of where the towers are built is strategic? All three water towers are at roughly the same elevation.



To learn more about Newnan Utilities, our water treatment, and attention to water quality, visit our YouTube Channel for the NU Up Close/Water Quality video, or scan the QR code.



Brandon Lovett speaks at World Water Week

## Recycling Efforts At Newnan Utilities – Year To Date Totals



## Public Power Week Observed In October

Public power utilities across the U.S. celebrate Public Power Week the first full week of October every year to help customers understand how they can better engage with their community-owned utility and benefit from all its offerings.

Newnan Utilities educated customers about public power through their social media channels, highlighting that public utilities employ local workers, which in turn means faster response times during an outage. Our lineworkers are on call 24/7/365 to keep residents and businesses in our community powered on!



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