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Water Management Wins 2016 WaterSense® Excellence Award

For Excellence in Promoting WaterSense Labeled Products

Las Vegas, Nevada—The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recognized the City of Durham’s Department of Water Management with a 2016 WaterSense Excellence Award as a leader in saving water for future generations. Water Management was honored at the WaterSmart Innovations Conference on October 6, 2016, for promoting water efficiency and WaterSense in 2015.

Since 2006, Water Management and other WaterSense partners have helped consumers save 1.5 trillion gallons of water, more than the amount of water used by all households in California for a year. In addition to water savings, WaterSense labeled products and homes have helped reduce the amount of energy needed to heat, pump, and treat water by 212 billion kilowatt hours since the program began in 2006. That is enough energy to supply a year’s worth of power to more than 19.4 million homes.

More than 1,700 utilities, manufacturers, retailers, builders, and organizations partner with WaterSense. Only a select few, however, are recognized each year for their significant program contributions.

“We are excited to receive this award that recognizes not only the efforts of our Water Efficiency/Conservation staff, but also the commitment of Durham’s citizens to being great stewards of our water resources,” said Director Don Greeley, on behalf of Water Management.

“Over the past 10 years, communities, states, organizations, manufacturers, retailers, and builders across the country have been working with WaterSense to help Americans save water for future generations,” said Joel Beauvais, EPA Office of Water Deputy Assistant Administrator.

“I am pleased to see so many of our WaterSense partners making contributions to build the resilience of communities everywhere by helping people use water more efficiently.”

Water Management was honored as a 2016 WaterSense Excellence Award Winner for promoting WaterSense labeled products.

To see a full list of 2016 WaterSense Excellence Award winners, visit https://www3.epa.gov/watersense/partners/winners_2016.html. For more information about WaterSense and for easy ways to conserve water, visit www.epa.gov/watersense or www.durhamsaveswater.org.

About the Department of Water Management

The Department of Water Management is responsible for the operation and maintenance of Durham's water supply, water treatment and water reclamation (wastewater treatment) facilities, the collection and distribution systems (including meter reading), and customer billing services. The department has a wide variety of support divisions and programs to maintain the existing infrastructure that provide these integral services, and strives to be a responsible steward of the City's physical assets. For information, visit <http://durhamnc.gov/944/>, like [Durham Saves Water](#) on Facebook, and follow [@DurhamWater](#) on Twitter.

About WaterSense

WaterSense, a partnership program sponsored by EPA, seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply by offering people a simple way to use less water with water-efficient products, homes, and services. Since the program began in 2006, WaterSense has helped consumers save 1.5 trillion gallons of water and \$32.6 billion in water and energy bills.

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