



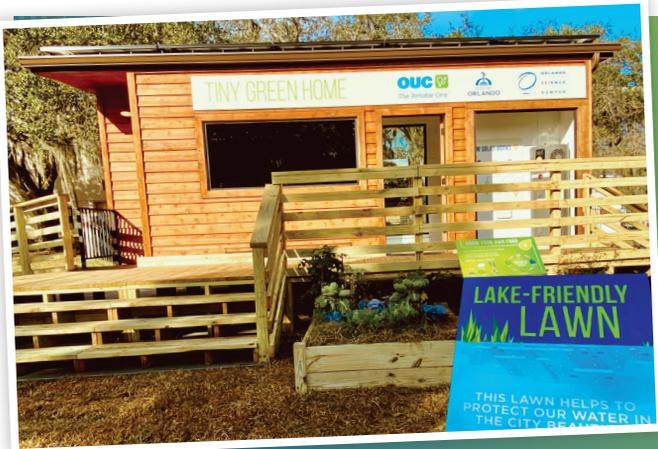
# CONNECTIONS

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## CELEBRATING EARTH MONTH — TODAY AND EVERY DAY

April may be designated as Earth Month, but at OUC we're committed to environmental stewardship every month – and every day – of the year. We take great pride in offering products and services that make our community greener.



### A TINY HOME MAKING BIG CHANGES!

The Tiny Green Home, an educational exhibit dedicated to sustainable living, is open to the public at the Orlando Science Center.

This exhibit offers a hands-on experience through interactive displays that educate visitors on

sustainable ways to live. The 200-square-foot home includes a functioning roof-top solar array, smart windows that darken as the sun shines brighter, low-flow shower heads and a rain barrel to conserve water, among other green features visitors can add to their own homes. This educational resource showcases the benefits of:

- Energy and water conservation
- Renewable energy
- Sustainability rebates
- Vehicle electrification
- Composting
- Growing your own food
- Sustainability programs from OUC, the City of Orlando, and the Science Center

Learn more at [OSC.org](https://www.osc.org).



### SAVE ENERGY, WATER AND \$\$\$ WITH AN ONLINE HOME EFFICIENCY AUDIT

With summer temperatures right around the corner, now is the time to assess your energy and water usage to keep your bill in check. Our enhanced online home efficiency audit evaluates your home's energy and water usage and makes suggestions on where to make improvements. Get started from the comfort of your own home at [OUC.com/OnlineAudits](https://www.ouc.com/OnlineAudits).



# UPGRADE YOUR IRRIGATION, PLANT FLORIDA-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING AND CLAIM A REBATE

UP TO  
**\$200**  
REBATE

Just one lawn irrigation cycle can waste thousands of gallons of water due to overspray or overwatering. Save water and money on your monthly bill by retrofitting existing irrigation heads to low-volume irrigation components and planting Florida-friendly landscaping, or plants that don't require a lot of water to survive. The best part is OUC offers a rebate up to \$200 for the work. Visit [OUC.com/rebates](https://www.ouc.com/rebates) to learn more.



## OUC LENDS A HELPING HAND TO ORGANIZATION AIDING HOMELESS



**Pathlight HOME**, a local nonprofit that provides an array of services to those who are homeless, has been selected as a designated charity for the **2022 OUCares Workplace Giving Campaign**.

In January, as part of OUC's 2022 Executive Day of Giving, leadership team members delivered bags of personal care items to residents of Pathlight HOME's Maxwell Garden apartments.

In February, OUC employees spent a Saturday volunteering at Pathlight HOME's Drop In Center. New landscaping was installed and several buildings and a free little library were spruced up with fresh coats of paint. Through OUCares, employees pledged **\$33,863 to Pathlight Home**, while the **2022 OUC Charity Golf Tournament raised \$15,000** for the organization.

To discover how you can make a difference, visit [PathlightHOME.org](https://www.PathlightHOME.org).



## OUC RECEIVES RESTORING COMMUNITIES AWARD

In February, OUC was honored with the **Florida Municipal Electric Association's (FMEA) Restoring Communities Award** for lending mutual aid assistance to two public utilities impacted by major storms last year. **OUC has received this award every year since 2016.**

In April 2021, OUC deployed two line crews to help Lakeland Electric repair damage to its electric grid caused by high winds. In late August, OUC sent a 12-member power restoration crew to Lafayette, La., which sought mutual aid in anticipation of incurring catastrophic damage from Hurricane Ida.

## WATER QUALITY REPORT

Learn more about H2OUC via the 2020 OUC Water Quality Report at [OUC.com/wqr2020](https://www.ouc.com/wqr2020). The report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water.

To request a printed copy of the 2020 Water Quality Report, call **407-423-9018** or visit [OUC.com/wqrrequest](https://www.ouc.com/wqrrequest).

*Para conocer más en español sobre el Reporte Anual de Calidad de Agua 2020, llámanos al **407-423-9018**.*



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