



Earth Month is a great way to celebrate our planet and think about the positive impacts we make all year. At OUC, we're working to make every day Earth Day through environmental stewardship and making strides toward our 2050 Net Zero CO<sub>2</sub> emission goals. To celebrate, join us at one of these special events:

DATES	LOCATIONS
April 3-14	<b>Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts – UCF Celebrates the Arts</b> . Come view beautiful rain barrels from OUC's Water Color Project.
April 17	<b>Trash 2 Trends @ Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts (6 – 9 p.m.)</b> . Designers repurpose landfill items into runway looks, raising funds for Orlando's community to boost recycling, reduce litter, and enhance neighborhoods, green spaces, and business districts.
April 20	<b>Central Florida Earth Day @ Lake Eola (10 a.m 6 p.m.)</b> . Central Florida Earth Day has activities for all ages! Discover food prep demos, environmental education exhibits and activities, Earth kids zone, artist corner, animal haven, Mind Body Spirit classes, vendors and more.
April 20	Earth Day Celebration @ Veterans Memorial Library in St. Cloud (10 a.m 1 p.m.). This free event features eco-friendly classes, paper shredding truck, environmental exhibitors, face painting, textile recycling, battery recycling, local vendors, kids activities and more.

# **7 TIPS TO LOWER YOUR WATER CONSUMPTION**

April is Water Conservation Month too. Use these tips to keep more money in your wallet while saving precious resources.

- Don't let the water run while shaving or brushing your teeth.
- Install flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads to reduce water used in each cycle.
- **3** Only run the dishwasher and clothes washer when you have full loads.
- When washing dishes by hand, fill the sink with water and turn off the faucet.
- 5 Use your eyes, nose and ears to detect leaks in your house. Hear a drip, have

a musty smell or see wet spots around cabinets? It could be a leak.

6 Water-saving products provide great performance. Look for products with a WaterSense label.



If you see soggy patches or dollar weed in your lawn, make sure you're not overwatering.

For more conservation tips, visit **OUC.com/Conservation**.

## SAVE MONEY ON SUMMER AIR CONDITIONING BILLS

Upgrade now, avoid higher A/C bills later!

If you have an old central air-conditioning unit, chances are it's costing you more money to maintain while running up your energy bill due to inefficient cooling and heating.

With a new **16 SEER/15.2 SEER2** or greater heat pump A/C you'll save money and energy, plus receive an OUC rebate ranging from **\$45-\$1,150**.

Go to **OUC.com/rebates** and click on Residential Rebates Information for details.

# 2022 WATER Quality Report

Learn more about H₂OUC via the 2022 OUC Water Quality Report at **OUC.com/wqr2022.** 



# **OUC RECEIVES RESTORING COMMUNITIES AWARD**



OUC has been recognized by the Florida Municipal Electric

Association with a 2023 Restoring Communities Award for services provided following significant weather events or emergency situations to other utilities in need.

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IN REBATE

After Hurricane Idalia made land in August 2023, OUC sent 18 employees, to Tallahassee to assist local crews with power restoration for 40,000 customers. The crews then assisted the city of Greenville (east of Tallahassee) in restoring power to 20,000 customers.

OUC crews worked tirelessly for 10 days as part of mutual aid. This year's award acknowledged the team's resilience and dedication to helping other Florida communities. This is the seventh consecutive year that OUC has received this award.

### **OUC'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION BOOK:** A HISTORY OF WATER AND ELECTRICITY IN CENTRAL FLORIDA

Discover the energizing journey of Central Florida's power and water supply in "A History of Water and Electricity in Central Florida." From humble beginnings to 'powering a vibrant Central Florida,' this book unveils the fascinating tale behind the Orlando Utilities Commission's indispensable role in shaping the region's development. Dive into the past and illuminate the path to a brighter future with this captivating read.



#### Learn more at OUC.com/HistoryofOUC.





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