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Restaurant Water Efficiency in Atlanta: Piloting AWE's Commercial Kitchens Water Use Efficiency and Best Practices Guide

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One Program: Many Partners



Authentic American Dining



A Great Idea!!!!



Partnership with Ted's Montana Grill



Participating locations received:

- An on-site water use assessment
- Customized, written assessment report with recommendations
- A copy of AWE's "Commercial Kitchens Water Use Efficiency and Best Practices Guide"
- Monthly water bill monitoring to track water usage

WERC'n it.

Water Efficient
Restaurant
Certificate
Program (WERC)



WERC Requirements:

- Install WaterSense pre-rinse spray valves w/ a flow rate of 1.28 gpm or less
- Install WaterSense toilets that use 1.28 gpf or less (tank-style or commercial-style)
- Install WaterSense urinals that use 0.5 gpf or less
- Fix all leaks
- Institute a water-efficiency training program for staff

Partnering with Georgia Restaurant Association

Provided opportunities for us to present and recruit restaurants for WERC at:

- Atlanta Food Expo
- National Restaurant Association Sustainability Conference

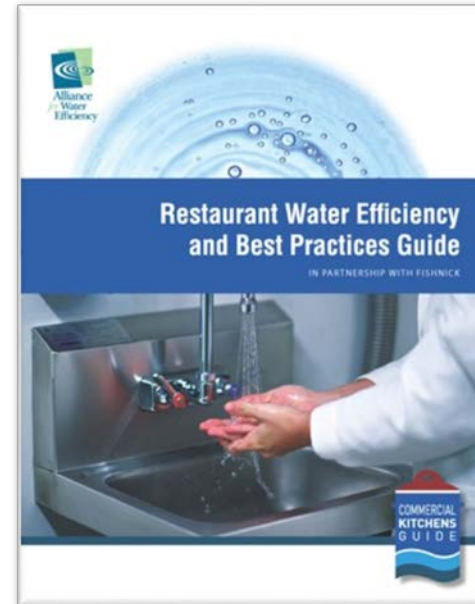
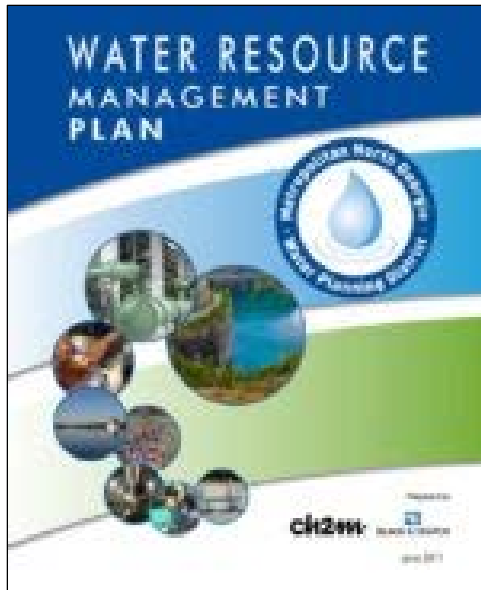


Partnering with Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District



- WERC Pilot – Goal is 100 restaurants
- Percentage of pilot restaurants to be minority-owned
- Free WaterSense PRSVs for the first 100 restaurants
- All participating restaurants received a hard copy of the AWE Guide

Partnering with Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District



http://northgeorgiawater.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Water-Resource-Management-Plan_REVISED.pdf

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Georgia ADVANCE/Atlanta Catholic Archdiocese

- Incorporated AWE Guide into water use assessments at Catholic churches and schools throughout the Atlanta Catholic Archdiocese
- Joint effort among USGBC-Atlanta, Georgia Interfaith Power & Light, Catholic Archdiocese, City of Atlanta Office of Resilience

Other opportunities?

- Water efficiency for houses of worship and other facilities with commercial kitchens (Fire Stations, for example)
- Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson Airport: In-terminal airport concessions water efficiency program
- Atlanta Better Buildings Challenge: participating buildings must achieve 20 percent water and energy reductions by 2020

Questions? Suggestions?

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