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Be Water Wise Miami

EE Week 2009 Signature Event: Be Water Wise Miami

EE Week kicked off its 2009 signature event - Be Water Wise Miami - with a launch event at Jose de Diego Middle School in Miami, Fla. this morning. The event began with a press conference with City of Miami Mayor Manny Diaz and Miami-Dade County Public Schools Superintendent Alberto Carvalho. Students then demonstrated the Be Water Wise School Water Measurement Activity for the mayor, the superintendent and the press. Later in the month, teachers and custodians from 13 other Miami schools will be trained in using the School Water Measurement Activity with their students, and students will present the findings to city and county officials.

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Water Tip of the Day

Want a glass of cold water? Keep a pitcher of water in the fridge instead of running the tap for cold water.

Source: [H2O Conserve](#)

For a list of water facts in English and Spanish, visit our [Be Water Wise! Facts page](#).

EE Week Partner Spotlight

Imagine School at Avondale - Avondale, Ariz.

Students at Avondale recently received a \$1,000 grant through Project WET and the University of Arizona Extension to conduct a school water audit. After evaluating the school's water use, students found areas where improvements could be made. They launched a campaign to educate students and parents about water saving techniques with a focus on four key areas of the school: restrooms, drinking fountains, the cafeteria and landscaping. Imagine School at Avondale will host a culminating water celebration on Earth Day, April 22. The celebration will feature a Fix-a-Leak display demonstrating how much water is wasted each week due to leaky toilets, sinks and

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showers and mini lessons on sustainable water use for teachers to implement in the classroom.

Access the [EE Week School Water Audit](#) for resources to conduct a water audit with your students.

Featured Resources

EE Week Water Bees

Together with our partners at [The Groundwater Foundation](#) and [WET in the City](#), EE Week has developed two Water Bees in support of the 2009 theme: *Be Water Wise!* Similar to EE Week's popular Nature Bees, the Water Bees are grade-appropriate, 10-question, multiple choice online quizzes to test students' knowledge of the water cycle, water pollution and water conservation. Access the [Water Bee for Grades K-4](#) or the [Water Bee for Grades 5-8](#).

Earth Gauge Kids

Earth Gauge Kids is a website designed for fifth through eighth grade students that focuses on a different weather-environment theme each month. The April theme for [Earth Gauge Kids](#) is *Be Water Wise!* Kids will find an interactive quiz, activity ideas, fun facts and links to "cool tools" and online games related to water. If you would like to highlight Earth Gauge Kids on your organization's website, access the [widget code](#) that will automatically update each month when a new theme is launched. Stay tuned for future themes at www.earthgauge.net/kids.

For these and other *Be Water Wise!* resources, visit us on the [web](#).



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NEEF partners with professionals in health, education, media, business, and public land management to promote daily actions for helping people protect and enjoy the environment. Through our primary programs - Classroom Earth, National Public Lands Day, National Environmental Education Week, Business and Environment, Earth Gauge and our Pediatric Environmental History Initiative - we offer Americans knowledge to live by.

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