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Spartanburg Water Launches New Water Matters Citizens' Academy this October

Two, half-day learning opportunities on October 14 and 21

Spartanburg Water is pleased to open the 2022 Water Matters Citizens' Academy for registrations now through October 4. This free, hands-on and interactive opportunity is the perfect way to learn more about your local utility—from our experts in water and wastewater treatment.

We are excited to launch a newly designed program that still allows attendees to gain understanding and insight into our operations at Spartanburg Water, but that condenses the academy into two, half-day events. Our planned schedule for this year's academy is as follows:

- *"Where does my water come from, and how are our water resources protected?"*
Friday, October 14, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. - will include a tour of Lake Bowen Park and R. B. Simms Drinking Water Treatment Facility.
- *"What additional steps does my water take before it reaches me, and what really is wastewater treatment?"*
Friday, October 21, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. - will include a tour of our SCDHEC-licensed lab, our Construction & Distribution operations and our largest wastewater treatment facility, the A. Manning Lynch Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Transportation by bus is provided for each session, beginning at 11:30 a.m. as well as a delicious boxed lunch. Participants must be able to walk up to one-mile during the tours to participate.

Some questions you may have:

Q. What is Water Matters?

A. Spartanburg Water Matters is an award-winning Citizens' Academy for community members interested in learning about critical water and wastewater issues, and to better understand how your water and wastewater utility operates.

Q. Is there a cost to apply or to participate in Water Matters?

Water Matters is free—there is no cost to register or to participate. We are investing in expanded education opportunities for our customers with programs like Water Matters and encourage everyone who is interested in learning more about Spartanburg Water and its operations to apply.



Q. Who is eligible to participate?

A. Anyone who is a current water and/or sewer customer of Spartanburg Water is eligible to participate.

Q. What is the deadline to register?

A. Registrations are due by Tuesday, October 4.

Q. How will I know if I'm selected to participate?

A. Members of Water Matters will be notified by e-mail and **must** confirm their registration no later than October 7.

Q. Is there a maximum number for attendance at Water Matters?

A. Each session is limited to 30 participants. Participants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

To apply for the Fall 2022 Water Matters Citizens' Academy, please click [here](#).

ABOUT SPARTANBURG WATER

Spartanburg Water, an industry leading utility, is comprised of Spartanburg Water System and Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District. It serves a population of about 200,000 within Spartanburg County, as well as others in parts of Greenville, Union and Cherokee counties. With the help of its dedicated team of about 300 employees, each day it produces an average of 25 million gallons of drinking water and cleans 14 million gallons of wastewater for its customers and community. For more information on Spartanburg Water's water quality efforts, visit us at spartanburgwater.org.

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