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## **Cobb Water System, Home Depot among EPA partners**

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recognized the Cobb County Water System and Cobb County-based The Home Depot as among the 2014 WaterSense Partners of the Year for their commitment to promoting water efficiency and strengthening the drought resiliency of communities across the country, during the WaterSmart Innovations Conference on Oct. 9 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

“As the United States experiences the driest conditions in more than a decade, there has never been a more important time for EPA and WaterSense to focus on water efficiency,” said Ken Kopocis, deputy assistant administrator in the EPA’s Office of Water. “We are working to find ways to further reduce water consumption to support healthy ecosystems and communities. EPA is pleased to honor an impressive group of WaterSense program leaders, whose efforts to build strong, resilient water systems are helping communities nationwide meet challenges of extreme weather, drought and other effects of our changing climate.”

The 2014 WaterSense Partners of the Year winners, along with more than 1,500 other WaterSense partners, have helped American consumers save 757 billion gallons of water — enough to supply all of the homes in the U.S. with water for 26 days — since 2006. WaterSense partners’ combined efforts have resulted in a \$14.2 billion reduction in consumer water and energy bills over the past eight years and a reduction of 37 million metric tons of greenhouse gas emission.

### **Cobb County Water System**

The Cobb County Water System was named the Promotional Partner of the Year. The system’s rebate program for WaterSense labeled toilets contributed to a decrease in the county’s annual average daily water use by 10 million gallons per day compared to 2010. This is the third WaterSense Promotional Partner of the Year award for the system, which also promoted WaterSense campaigns in its Water Saver quarterly e-newsletter and via Twitter with the #fixaleak and #showerbetter hashtags.

### **The Home Depot**

The Home Depot was named the Retailer Partner of the Year. The company was recognized by the EPA for the third time for its strong efforts to support rebate programs across the country for WaterSense labeled toilets, showerheads and irrigation controllers, helping consumers achieve more than \$36 million in product markdowns.

For more information, visit [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense).