



What's On Tap?

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Proper Disposal of Waste Oil / Fuel

Over the past several months, the Water Authority has seen an increase in waste oil and fuel being improperly disposed of, in and around our meter boxes. This poses a great risk to the public water supply system. Hydrocarbons such as gasoline, diesel, motor oil, kerosine, lubricants, solvents, paints, and coolants are all considered hazardous materials and should never be disposed of directly in or on the ground, down the drain in your home, into storm drains, or Water Authority meter boxes.

When hazardous materials are not appropriately stored or disposed of, there is a risk it can contaminate the public water supply or groundwater. If a meter box is exposed to these contaminants, the impacted area

must be cleaned up to protect the water supply system. This takes substantial resources and results in high costs, which are the responsibility of the customer. To avoid this, the Authority strongly urges its customers to follow the guidelines of the Department of Environmental Health to store and dispose of hydrocarbons properly. All hydrocarbons should be stored in containers specially designed for this purpose; do not use empty water bottles, plastic containers or containers that are left open.

Clean up any spills promptly without using water whenever possible. Spills of non-hazardous materials can be cleaned with rags or paper towels, or absorbent materials such as sand. In the event of a hazardous

spill, contact 911 and block the nearest storm drain with a mat if safe to do so. If a spill occurs on the soil, remove the soil down to the clean layer, backfill with clean material and dispose of the contaminated soil at the George Town Landfill.

Hazardous waste must be separated from household waste and dropped off at the George Town Landfill in the designated storage area so that it can be processed for proper disposal overseas. Place collected waste oils and lubricants into barrels for delivery to the landfill for the Department of Environmental Health's oil recycling programme.

If you suspect your water supply may be contaminated with hydrocarbons, please contact the Water Authority immediately.

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Cashiers

Monday to Friday
8:30AM to 4:00PM

Customer Service

Monday to Friday
8:30AM to 5:00PM

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Director's Message

It is critically important for all facilities that work with harmful hydrocarbons, such as industrial facilities, vehicle servicing facilities and even restaurants, to dispose of waste fuel

and oil in the appropriate manner. Hazardous waste must never be disposed of onto the ground, down the drain in your home, into storm drains, or into or around Water Authority meter boxes. All hazardous waste must be collected in closed barrels and delivered to the George Town Landfill for processing and recycling by the Department of Environmental Health.

As we approach the holidays and enter into a season of giving, the Water Authority is honoured to offer our annual scholarship to aspiring Caymanian students.

November marks the start of the application period for our 2025 Annual Scholarship. Each year the Authority grants a qualified Caymanian with up to CI\$40,000 annually to obtain an undergraduate academic or technical/vocational degree or diploma in a field of study relevant to our work. We currently have one Water Authority scholar studying in university overseas and we encourage all interested Caymanian students to apply.

This year, give the gift of water to family and friends by purchasing Water Authority gift certificates! Water Authority gift certificates are a great way to lighten the load of holiday expenses and can be purchased at our Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac offices.

— Dr. Frederick-van Genderen

OUR COMMITMENT to you...



The Water Authority was established in 1983 as a statutory body responsible for supplying pure, wholesome and affordable drinking water to the people of the Cayman Islands. The Authority is also responsible for the proper treatment of wastewater and for the protection of the fresh groundwater lenses that exist throughout the Cayman Islands.

KNOWLEDGE ZONE

BE MINDFUL OF HOLIDAY WATER CONSUMPTION

The holiday season is just around the corner! With all the festive activities taking place we'd like to remind our customers to be mindful of your water consumption over the holidays.

Usage tends to go up as a result of children being home from school and entertaining guests.

Additionally, due to December having a shorter meter reading period because of holidays, water used over Christmas and New Year will be reflected in your January bill.

You can keep track of your consumption using our helpful daily water usage chart, which can be found on our website www.waterauthority.ky.



HR Briefs

Welcome:

- **Amadeo Duran**
Assistant Operator-WS
- **Jason Groves**
Assistant Operator-CYB
- **Elvin Rivers Jr.**
Assistant Operator-WW
- **Lenny Huffington Britton**
Quality Assurance Inspector

Appointments:

- **Evol Miller Jr.**
Assistant Operator-NW (CYB)

Water Authority Welcomes 2025 Scholarship Applications

Water Authority continues its effort to support the education of young Caymanians through its Annual Scholarship Programme.

Each year the Authority grants a qualified Caymanian with up to CI\$40,000 annually to obtain an undergraduate academic or technical/vocational degree or diploma in a field of study relevant to our work.

The successful applicant is also guaranteed a spot in the Authority's Summer Internship Programme, ensuring that they gain valuable work experience while pursuing their studies. They are also given full time employment following the completion of their studies.

Alexander Elias is the Authority's current scholar. Several current Water Authority employees who are past scholarship recipients include: Senior Engineering Manager-Operations—Carlos Vargas, Applications Support Manager—Kristina Hydes, Applications & Network Support Specialist—Kaled Giron, and Graduate Engineer—D'Vonte Joseph.



WHO CAN APPLY?

If you are Caymanian, 18 years of age or older, and accepted into an accredited and competitive educational institution, you can apply for this opportunity!

HOW TO APPLY?

Students can apply online or download the full scholarship application package from the Authority's website by visiting

<https://www.waterauthority.ky/scholarships-how-to-apply>.

PRIORITY SUBJECTS

Below is the list of priority subjects that are of particular relevance to the work of the Authority:

- Environmental Engineering
- Environmental Science
- Civil Engineering
- G.I.S Technology
- Hydrogeology
- Mechanical Engineering
- SCADA Technology
- Wastewater Treatment
- Water Resources/Supply Management
- Reverse Osmosis Technology
- Information Technology
- Finance
- Business Management

IMPORTANT DATES

The Authority's Annual Scholarship will be open from **Friday, 15 November 2024** to **Friday, 28 February 2025**.

The Art of Gifting Water

Embrace the art of giving and make a splash with the most essential gift of all: Water!

Water Authority's gift certificates are a unique and thoughtful way to share the essence of life itself! Whether for your loved ones, or to support local charities who are looking to give back to the community.

Valid for one year from the date of purchase, our gift certificates are available in denominations of CI\$10, CI\$25, CI\$50, and CI\$100 and can be purchased directly from our offices in Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac.

Water Authority gift certificates are the perfect present for payment towards water and/or sewage bills!

