



# The Official Newsletter of the Florida Water Well Administrator

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## WATER WELL CONTRACTOR'S CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

The CE Program is designed to encourage the learning of new well drilling technologies, methods and practices, and to improve the industry's professionalism, business management practices, health and safety requirements and practices, and knowledge of the State of Florida water well contractor licensing and water well permitting and construction rules.

Being certificated gives you local and state recognition and promotes professionalism to customers and others in the industry.

If you have questions about the Water Well Contractors Continuing Education Program, please contact the office at [info@flwwceu.org](mailto:info@flwwceu.org) or 850-205-5641.

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## 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT CONTINUING EDUCATION

- 1) Visit the FWWA website ([www.flwwceu.org](http://www.flwwceu.org)) regularly to check your CE credit status. If you believe your credits are listed incorrectly or if your name does not appear on the list, please contact our office and not the Water Management District.
- 2) Three (3) is the maximum number of hours you can currently receive for online credit.
- 3) A maximum of six (6) hours of CE credit can be obtained in the Safety/Business Practices (S/B) category. A minimum of six (6) hours of CE credit must be obtained in the Rules/Well Construction (R/R) category.
- 4) OSHA Refreshers can be used for S/B credit however only a maximum of 6 hours can be converted.
- 5) Approved coursework can be found on the FWWA website. Once you find a course you are interested in taking, call the Provider listed on the website to register and for payment details.
- 6) Remember to send in your Certificate of Attendance Forms and conversion fee payment as soon as possible after you take a course. That way you won't forget, and the paperwork won't get lost.
- 7) Send in the white copy of your Certificate of Attendance – keep the yellow copy for your files.
- 8) Conversion fees are required to convert CE hours to credits - \$14 per credit; \$168 for the two-year cycle.
- 9) Please submit conversion fee payment for the number of CE hours you are converting at that time. This will ensure accurate and prompt response.
- 10) 12 hours of CE credit is required every two years to renew your license. Don't put it off – get your hours well in advance of the renewal deadline of July 31, 2017.



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## THE 2015-2017 RENEWAL CYCLE IS IN FULL SWING

Licensees must have a total of 12 CECs, with a minimum of 6 CECs in rules/well construction practices and a maximum of 3 online CECs by July 31, 2017 for license renewal.

### *Upcoming Courses*

Date	Title	Provider	Hours/Type	Location
9/10/2016	FGWA Quarterly Membership Meeting	Florida Ground Water Association	2 TBD	Jupiter, FL
Various	Water Well Contractors – Accounting	Gold Coast School of Construction, Inc.	6 S/B	Tamarac, FL
Online	Various Courses	International School of Well Drilling	Various	Online
Online	Various Courses	Red Vector, LLC	Various	Online
Online	Various Courses	National Drilling Assoc.	Various	Online
Online	Hydrology, Seals and Liners, Sinkholes	All Star Training, Inc.	3 S/B	Online

For a complete list of course offerings, visit the FWWA CE Website at [www.flwwceu.org](http://www.flwwceu.org) and click the “Course Offerings” link. The courses are listed in order by date (online course offerings appear at the end of the list). The website is updated weekly with approved course offerings.

## QUESTION OF THE DAY:

*I have already completed my 12 hours of CE credit for the current cycle. When can I start earning CE credit for the next renewal cycle?*

The DEP 62-531.330(3) rule states that " Water well contractor licenses shall be renewed only after the license holder has completed twelve approved coursework hours for CEC earned in the two-year period directly preceding the last day (July 31st) of the biennial renewal cycle. However, if a water well contractor has received his or her first license within 180 days before the end of the biennium renewal of licenses, the continuing education requirements shall be waived for the licensee’s first renewal cycle. Completion of approved coursework hours can be converted one time to either CECs for contractor licensing or for contractor license point reduction, but not both.”





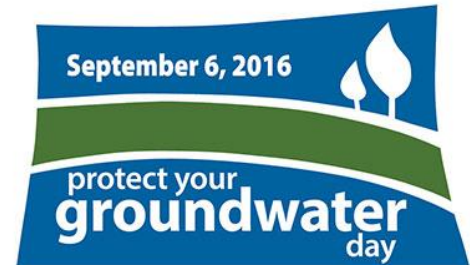
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### HELP US PROMOTE PROTECT YOUR GROUNDWATER DAY

Join us as we promote Protect Your Groundwater Day on September 6, 2016. It is important that everyone maintains the quality and quantity of water. Help us by doing your part in protecting one of the most important natural resources – groundwater.



What can you do to help?

- Ensure proper construction and maintenance of wells
- Properly abandon wells to prevent groundwater contamination
- Ensure annual inspection of water well systems
- Consider water saving tips for you and your customers
- Dispose of any hazardous materials and chemicals correctly

You can check out the National Protect Your Groundwater Day website to calculate your water usage and to see additional suggestions on how to protect and conserve groundwater.

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### CEC by the Numbers for the 2015-2017 Renewal Cycle

#### CEC by the Numbers

- Total number of individuals in the CEC Database: 1,190 (does not include deceased contractors)
  - Number of Active Licensed Water Well Contractors: 855
  - Number of Inactive contractors since August 1, 2015: 172
  - Number of Pending contractors (individuals seeking licensure): 163

#### 2015 – 2017 CEC Cycle Statistics

- Licensed contractors that completed 12 CEC hours for the 2015 – 2017 CEC Cycle: 50
- Licensed contractors who have 0 CEC hours for the 2015 – 2017 CEC Cycle: 675
- Licensed contractors that have between 1 and 11 CECs for the 2015 – 2017 Cycle: 130

#### Course Approval Information

- Courses Offered Since the Beginning of the Program: 1,504
- Individually Titled Courses Offered Since August 1, 2015 to date: 41
- Total Courses offered since August 1, 2015 to date: 67 (includes online and multiple coursework offerings)
- Number of course hours available from August 1, 2015 to date: 290

*Statistics are as of June 27, 2016*



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**REMINDER!**

You must have all 12 credits and conversion fees submitted to the FWWA office by the July 31, 2017 deadline.

As a reminder, a minimum of six (6) hours must be in the rules/well construction category (R/R), no more than six (6) hours may be in the business/safety practices category (S/B) and you can receive a maximum of three (3) hours online.