



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District *of* Greater Chicago

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2/21/14 Final Winter Storm Update

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's (MWRD's) Tunnel and Reservoir Plan's Deep Tunnel is working as designed and is continuing to receive stormwater. The Mainstream and Calumet Tunnels are completely full, and the Des Plaines Tunnel is 78% full. The entire tunnel system can hold up to 2.3 billion gallons. The O'Hare CUP Reservoir, which can hold 354 million gallons, remains empty.

We don't expect any more rain, just freezing temperatures for the next few days.

We appreciate those of you who minimized your use of water to reduce the amount flowing into the sewer system during this past rain event. Postponing high water consumption activities such as, running dishwashers or washing clothes or minimizing shower time helps to provide maximum capacity in the local and intercepting sewer systems. Your efforts helped to keep water out of basements. Thanks!

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Our Water Environment: Take it personally.

Established in 1889, the MWRD (www.mwr.org) is an award-winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.