

Reclaimed water use gains steam

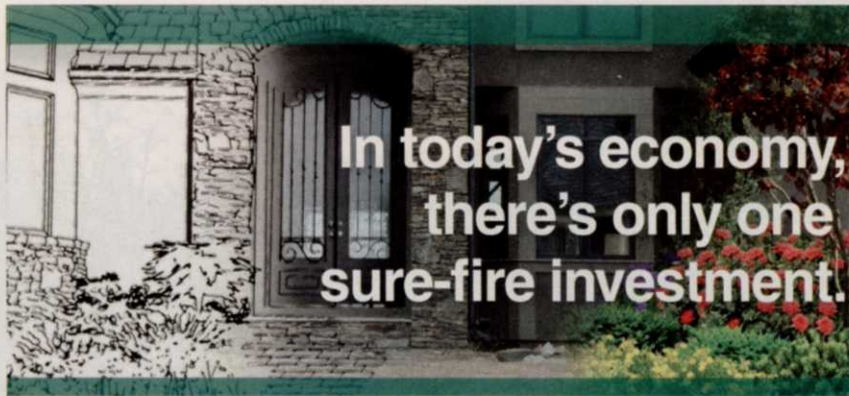
Whether they are motivated by drought conditions or environmental concern, many cities around the country are turning to reclaimed water. Treatment facilities create reclaimed water by taking wastewater (sewage), treating it to remove the solids and

impurities, and making it available for non-drinking purposes. A quick Internet news search provides a list of stories discussing the various cities — mostly across the South — that are using or exploring the possibility of using reclaimed water.

A recent story in the *San Gabriel Valley Tribune* reports how residents of Southern California cities are “wasting 45 million gallons of usable water every day.” According to the article, the three treatment plants in the San Gabriel Valley process 87 million gallons a day, but only 42 million gallons are actually reused — enough for about 5,000 families a year. The goal is to increase that figure.

According to an article in *The Tampa Tribune*, Tampa city officials are considering giving away reclaimed water for lawn use to help ease the city’s drought problem: “They are contacting landscapers and utility contractors to determine whether it’s feasible to fill watering trucks with reclaimed water that, in turn, would be sprayed onto lawns.”

The *Naples Daily News* reported a change in a ruling that “discouraged homeowners from using reclaimed water to irrigate their lawns.” The ruling required those using reclaimed water to sign an agreement that held the city blameless if the reclaimed water damaged their landscaping.

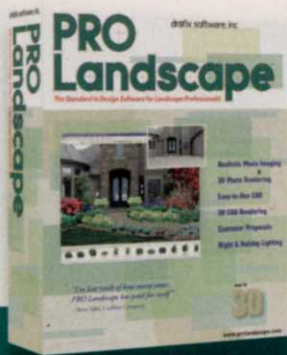


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Entrepreneur wins KIOTI's 2008 success story contest

Wendell, NC — KIOTI Tractor named Richard Vega of Lake George, NY, the winner of the 2008 National Success Stories contest. Entrants were required to submit a KIOTI tractor serial number, the dealer name and date they purchased the tractor, a description of how they use their tractor and a photograph of themselves with the tractor. One winner was selected each month, with the monthly winners becoming eligible for the grand prize.

Vega uses his DK45SE HST tractor for a variety of tasks from landscaping, to tree cutting and hauling, to snow removal and lifting. To accomplish this diversity of tasks, he equipped the tractor with a number of implements, including a loader, landscape rake, blade and pallet forks.

A picture is worth a thousand words,” states Ron Parrish, KIOTI market development manager. “The photos sent with Vega’s entry really made it apparent how much work he has done with his tractor.”

As the national grand prize winner of this year-long contest, Vega received a \$1,500 gift card.