



# Water Talk

## South Huntington Water District

### Low Billing Rates, Low Water Taxes. **You Compare!**

Long Islanders are burdened by some of the nation's highest utility bills and ever-increasing taxes. Take a moment to see how the South Huntington Water District is working to keep your costs the lowest on Long Island.

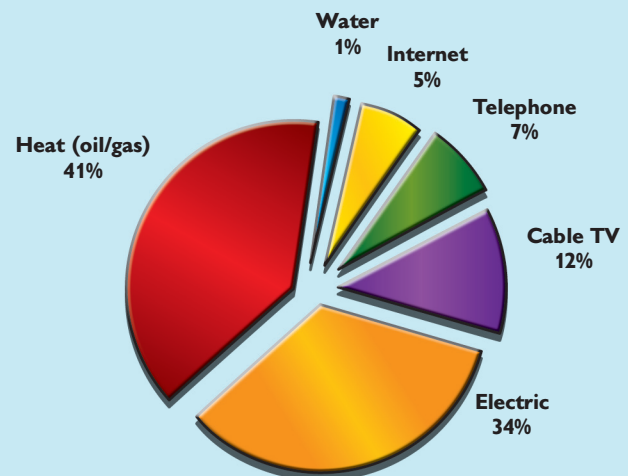
The chart on the right shows the average residential utility bills in a typical South Huntington Water District home. Compare the cost of your **water bill** to your **electric, heating, cable, Internet** and **phone charges**. As you can see, the monthly cost of drinking water is much less than electric, oil, or gas bills.

Now examine what percentage of your local tax bill is dedicated to the Water District and how that stacks up against other services. In addition to the low monthly cost of drinking water, the taxes paid to water districts are one of the smallest portions of the average homeowner's tax bill.

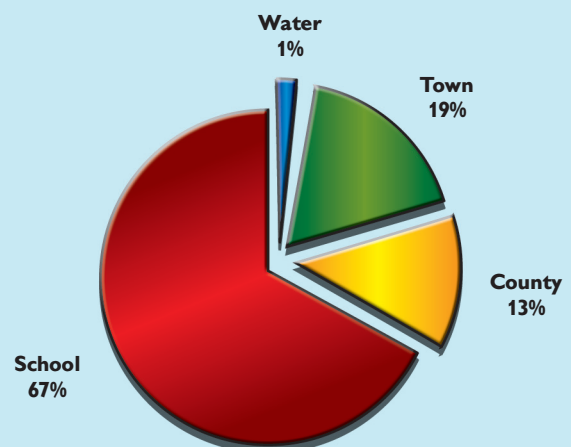
While all across Long Island school taxes account for over 60 percent of our taxes, payments to the South Huntington Water District add up to only one percent of our overall bill.

*The South Huntington Water District is run by South Huntington residents, and is dedicated to keeping the taxes and water bills of South Huntington residents the lowest on Long Island!*

**Breakdown of an average South Huntington homeowner's monthly payments for common utilities.**



**Breakdown of the average South Huntington Homeowner's Tax Bill.**



# The South Huntington Water District Participates in New York State Electrical Energy Curtailment Program



## Green Yields “Green”!

For the last year and a half, the South Huntington Water District has been participating in “Operation Save New York”. We have joined a number of other concerned and proactive companies that have volunteered to curtail electrical power consumption during high consumption periods or other State-wide emergency situations. Although these periods often coincide with our own peak water demand periods, we can shed substantial load to help ease electrical demand on the local power grid through the use of generators and careful planning. This curtailment has been credited with the prevention of brownouts and blackouts during critical electrical use periods.

This alone would be reason enough for us to participate. However, as an added bonus, the load shed authority, ECS, pays the Water District a cash award to participate in the vital program. In the short time the Water District has been participating, we have been paid over \$26,000 in incentive rewards. THE DISTRICT IS USING THIS MONEY TO MAINTAIN FACILITIES AND TO HELP KEEP YOUR WATER TAXES AND YOUR WATER RATES LOW.

## *It does, in fact, pay to be Green!*

### **Hey...who are the new neighbors??**

Well, actually, it's your Water District. Here at South Huntington, we want our many vital facilities to blend into the surrounding areas, causing the least amount of disruption to our friends and neighbors. This new well site and treatment facility was purposely built with a residential facade to reflect the suburban neighborhood in which it resides.



South Huntington new well site and treatment facility.

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