



Water Talk

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Commissioner
Ciro DePalo

Be Water Smart... Play Your Part Conservation is Key

During the spring and summer, water usage increases exponentially. But saving water is easy with a few small changes that will not only conserve Long Island's only water source aquifer, but lower your water bill as well.

Spring/Summer Conservation Measures:

1. Smart irrigation controllers and rain sensors ensure your lawn only gets watered when needed.
2. Check hose connections for leaks and fix leaky spigots.
3. Lawns only need 1½ inches of water per week, so they should not be watered daily.
4. Keep plants moist with mulch, which also prevents run-off and controls weeds.
5. Consider making your own rain barrel and collect water for your plants.

Remember to Follow the Mandatory Odd/Even Lawn Watering Restrictions

- Even-numbered houses may water ONLY on even-numbered calendar days.
- Odd-numbered houses may water ONLY on odd-numbered calendar days.
- Houses without numbers may water ONLY on odd-numbered calendar days.

Please notify your irrigation contractors and landscapers to set watering times to the odd/even schedule.



Help Protect Our Drinking Water

Long Island depends upon an underground aquifer for its water supply, and anything poured on or absorbed into the ground, cesspools, storm drains or recharge systems can work its way into the aquifer. The South Huntington Water District would like to remind residents that small acts can make a big difference on the conditions of our water.

Proper Recycling – Don't just throw out pollutants! By properly recycling certain waste products or disposing of them appropriately (per Town ordinances), you are protecting our environment and preventing it from impacting our water source.

Seek More Natural Alternatives – When appropriate, use a more natural approach for purposes such as fertilizing lawns or flowers; or seek to reduce the amount of fertilizer used each season.

We thank our residents for helping to protect our water!





Commissioner Paul J. Tonna

PROGRESS AT PLANT 8

Construction continues at the South Huntington Water District's Plant 8.

This new Advanced Oxidation Process and Granular Activated Carbon treatment plant is a major investment in current water quality protection. Once complete, the facility will enhance treatment reliability and help ensure high-quality drinking water for the community for decades to come. Construction is expected to be completed this year.



Commissioner Joseph Perry

KEEP YOUR METER PITS CLEAR

With spring here, South Huntington Water District would like to remind consumers that they are responsible for maintaining the area surrounding their meter pit.

Access to meter pits is important

for regular maintenance and accurate readings, as well as in the event of an emergency that you should need us to shut your water off.

As a reminder, meter pits are to be maintained at the same grade as the surrounding area and should not be obstructed by any landscaping. Meter pit covers that are below or above grade can be a trip hazard, for which the homeowner would be responsible. If you have received a letter from us regarding a meter pit issue, we ask that you give this your attention.



Online Portal Available for Bill Payment

As a reminder, our headquarters has temporarily relocated.

For more information on how to pay your bill online during this time, please visit shwd.org and click on Online Bill Pay at the top and begin the registration process for our secure payment portal. It's easy to get started and you can register in 4 easy steps!

1. Visit <https://shwd.payacp.com/portal/signup> and enter your Web ID (located on your recent bill) and zip code
2. Enter or confirm your email address and set a password
3. Watch for an email to verify your email address
4. LOGIN TO THE PORTAL!

Once you are in the portal, you can enroll in auto pay! Your payments can be automatically withdrawn on the due date of your bill, or you can choose to customize your payment amount or payment date. As a courtesy, you will receive an email 7 days before the withdrawal, so there are no surprises!

As always, you can still mail a physical check in our prepaid envelope or you can also pay over the phone on a secured line at: 631-920-4108.



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