



Water Talk

SUMMER
2026



Commissioner
Ciro DePalo

Plant 8 Returns to Service; Construction Begins on New Treatment System at Plant 15

South Huntington Water District continues to invest in infrastructure improvements that ensure residents receive high-quality drinking water now and for years to come.

This summer, construction will begin on a new Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP) treatment system at Plant No. 15, located at 36 Downs Road in Huntington. Residents who live on Downs Road will receive advance notification before construction begins. While work is underway, every effort will be made to minimize any inconvenience to the surrounding neighborhood.

The project follows the successful completion of major upgrades at Plant No. 8 (260 Wolf Hill Road), which has recently returned to service after the installation and startup of new Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP) and Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) treatment systems.

These state-of-the-art treatment technologies provide an added layer of protection by removing emerging contaminants, including 1,4-dioxane, PFOA, and PFOS, helping the District continue to meet or exceed New York State drinking water standards. Plant No. 8 now has two fully operational wells, strengthening the District's ability to provide reliable drinking water throughout the central portion of the service area.

Construction at Plant No. 15 will add AOP and GAC treatment systems to both supply wells at the site, making them the District's sixth and seventh AOP treatment systems. Once completed, the project will enhance water quality, strengthen the western portion of the District's distribution system, and improve the District's ability to move water between pressure zones when needed.



Plant No. 8 recently returned to service with new
AOP and GAC treatment systems.



E-BILLING COMING SOON

We're excited to announce that electronic billing (e-billing) will be launching soon, giving customers the option to receive their water bills by email instead of traditional mail. E-billing is a faster, more environmentally friendly way to stay on top of your account while reducing paper waste. Watch for more information in the coming months on how to enroll and start enjoying the convenience of paperless billing.

Stay tuned—more details will be available soon!

WELCOME TO THE TEAM



**Commissioner
Joseph Perry**

We're pleased to introduce one of the South Huntington Water District's newest team members, Ray Spatafora. A lifelong South Huntington resident and a 2024 graduate of Walt Whitman High School, Ray joined the District with a genuine interest in mechanics and a strong enthusiasm for learning the water utility industry.

As a member of the Huntington Manor Fire Department, Ray enjoys serving his community both on and off the job. Whether he's reading meters or assisting with field operations, he's known for his positive attitude, strong work ethic, and willingness to lend a hand wherever needed.

Outside of work, Ray enjoys anything with an engine, listening to music (especially Daft Punk), and collecting unique memorabilia. He's also an award-winning mustache owner and proudly drinks about a gallon of water each day!



Ray Spatafora

Summer Maintenance Reminders for Residents

As summer gets underway, I'd like to share a few reminders to help keep our water system operating efficiently and ensure uninterrupted service throughout the season.

KEEP WATER METER PITS ACCESSIBLE

Summer brings beautiful landscaping, but it can also make water meter pits difficult to locate. Please keep the area around your meter pit free of overgrown vegetation, mulch, decorations, or other obstructions so our crews can easily access it for routine meter readings or emergency service.

Planning a landscaping project? Before you dig, remember to contact 811 to have underground utilities marked. This simple step helps protect your property and prevents damage to underground infrastructure, including your water service.

MANDATORY ODD/EVEN LAWN WATERING RESTRICTIONS

To help conserve our most valuable natural resource during the peak summer months, mandatory lawn watering restrictions remain in effect May 1 through September 30, 2026.

**PLEASE
CONSERVE**

Even-numbered addresses may water lawns only on even-numbered calendar days.
Odd-numbered addresses may water lawns only on odd-numbered calendar days.

STREET SWEEPING & TEMPORARY RUSTY WATER

When street sweeping takes place in your neighborhood, please remember to move vehicles according to the posted schedule so crews can complete their work safely and efficiently. During this time, some residents may notice temporary rusty or discolored water. This is simply harmless mineral sediment that has been stirred up in the water mains. If this occurs, run an outdoor hose for approximately 30 minutes, flush your toilets, and run your cold-water faucets or bathtub for a few minutes until the water clears. If the discoloration persists, please contact the District and we'll be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your cooperation and for doing your part to help South Huntington Water District continue providing high-quality, reliable drinking water to our community all summer long.



**Commissioner
Paul J. Tonna**

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