



Water Talk

FALL
2026



Commissioner
Ciro DePalo

Dedicated Crews Work Around the Clock



The South Huntington Water District knows how important it is that the water coming out of your faucet every day meets or exceeds all local, state and federal guidelines... That's why the District is grateful to have a dedicated team of professionals who work around the clock to ensure that no water issue goes unresolved for a minute longer than necessary. With 18 wells and seven water storage tanks, that is no easy task!

Although the District remains proactive in its replacement of old water mains, it can be common during winter months for one to burst. Last year, the District had several large water main breaks and our crews repaired them in record time. We thank our staff for their ongoing commitment to the community. If you see our crews on the road, please slow down and drive with caution – your attention helps protect them as they protect our water system.

If you see water pooling in the road this winter and it is not from rain or melting snow, it could be a water main break. We urge anyone who sees anything suspicious to call the District immediately. This number is monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week and will be answered. Crews will be dispatched at any hour to inspect and repair an issue.



SHWD maintenance mechanics seize the opportunity of a water main leak on W. Rogues Path to install a new 8" valve. The new valve will improve efficiency of shutdowns with any future issues.



Commissioner
Paul J. Tonna

E-BILLING IS UP AND RUNNING

South Huntington Water District consumers can now sign up to receive e-bills. Each quarter, you can receive a PDF of your water bill sent straight to the inbox of an email you specify.

Signing up to receive your bill electronically will not enroll you in automatic payments.

You can register to receive e-bills in four easy steps!

Visit shwd.org or scan the QR code to the left for more information.





Commissioner
Joseph Perry

BE PREPARED FOR THAT WINTER WEATHER

Keep Your Fire Hydrants & Meter Pits Clear

Every second counts during an emergency and quick access to a fire hydrant can make a big difference.

- Avoid planting any trees or shrubs close to a fire hydrant
- Don't pile any snow in the area around a hydrant
- If you see a hydrant covered in snow nearby, please help keep it clear – there should be three feet of clearance in all directions
- As always, report any damage, leaks or suspicious activity to the South Huntington Water District

All of these tips also apply to your meter pit. It is always important to keep those clear in the event the water district needs to access it.



Winterize Your Water Lines

Each year before that first frost, be sure to prep your water lines for the sudden drop in temperature that is to come. Taking a few extra steps can help prevent freezing or bursting pipes in your home.

OUTDOORS

- Be sure to disconnect all hoses and drain any excess water from the shutoff valves
- If you have an irrigation system, ensure all lines are properly blown out and the system is shut down for the winter

INDOORS

- Use a foam sleeve to add an extra layer of insulation on pipes in unheated areas like garages or basements
- If you have a sink on an exterior wall, during extreme cold, keep kitchen or bathroom cabinet doors open so warm air from the room can reach the pipes under the sink
- If a pipe freezes, bring heat to that area to thaw it out. Locate and shut off the valve for that pipe or the main valve for the house. When the ice in the pipe melts allowing water to pass, you may discover you have a leak caused by ice expanding in the pipe and splitting it. You will need a plumber to fix this issue, so prevention is key!
- If you will be away for any length of time, be sure to winterize your home accordingly

Reminder to Vote: Cast Your Ballots for Water Commissioner

The annual election for the office of South Huntington Water District Commissioner has been scheduled.

- ✓ **When: Tuesday, December 8, 2026**
- ✓ **For your convenience, there are two polling locations:**

King of Kings Evangelical Lutheran Church
2611 New York Avenue, Melville

Huntington Manor Fire Dept., Sub Station 2
2100 New York Avenue, Huntington Station

- ✓ **Time: 12:00-9:00 PM**
- ✓ **Eligibility:**

To elect one commissioner for a three-year term, any registered voter who has lived in the South Huntington Water District for at least 30 days is eligible to vote in the election.

Recordatorio para votar: Emita su voto para el Comisionado de

Por la presente se da aviso, que la elección anual para la Oficina del Comisionado de la South Huntington Water District.

- ✓ **Cuando votar: Martes, 8 de diciembre de 2026**
- ✓ **Para su comodidad hay dos lugares de votación:**

La Iglesia Evangelica Luterana King of Kings
2611 New York Avenue, Melville

Departamento de Bomberos, de Huntington Manor
Subestación 2

2100 New York Avenue, Huntington Station

- ✓ **Tiempo: 12:00-9:00 PM**
- ✓ **Elegibilidad:**

Elegir a un comisionado para un mandato de tres años. Cualquier votante registrado que haya residido en el Distrito de Agua de South Huntington durante al menos 30 días tiene derecho a votar en la elección.

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