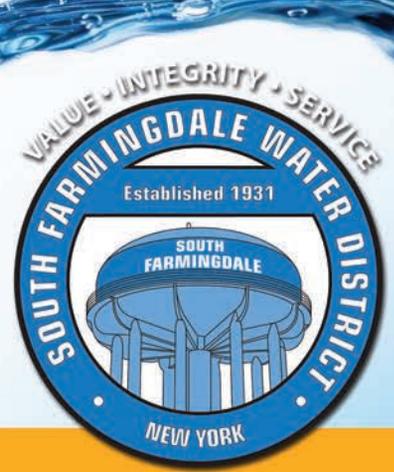


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## MEET THE FUTURE OF WATER METER READING



**S**outh Farmingdale Water District's meter reading staff performs the critical role of recording the water readings of every household and business within our District to accurately measure how much water is being used.

Times are changing and advances in technology will create a new transition for water meter reading within our District.

Starting in early December 2015, SFWD will be conducting a District-wide water meter upgrade project. Meters will soon be read by new applications of cellular technology that is amazingly precise and completely nonintrusive. SFWD will be implementing a remote system, which will enable our personnel to read water meters without having to travel to your home or place of business.

### District-Wide Implementation Process: What You Need To Know

Saks Metering has been contracted to implement this program and the first of four zones will go into installation mode in December 2015.

Check the website for when we will be in your neighborhood.

Each household and place of business will be notified in advance of the water meter installation process. Saks Metering will be leaving a "Door Hanger" at your front door to schedule an appointment.

As a District consumer, you will be provided in advance with three methods to set up an appointment:

- Phone
- Email
- Web

### What Is Your Responsibility?

Once your home or place of business is identified, you will be prompted to schedule an appointment for Saks Metering to replace your current meter. Typically, the replacement of your water meter should take no more than 20 to 30 minutes to complete. An adult must be home at the time of the appointment and there will be a temporary disruption in water service.

In most cases, your water meter is located inside your home, basement, crawlspace, etc. Our technicians will need access to this meter so we ask kindly that you accommodate this request and clear a path for our installers.

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## UPDATE: Elevated Water Tank Rehabilitation On Schedule



The rehabilitation of the elevated water tank at Plant No. 1 on Langdon Road is officially underway. Phase I of the tank rehabilitation started this spring with an assessment of the tank and replacement of all the valves underneath the tank. Phase II includes shrouding and painting of the elevated tank, which started in November and will continue into the winter. During this phase, the tank will be fully covered so that local residents will not be exposed to debris, paint and fumes.

Lead-free and copper-free paint will be used throughout the entire process and SFWD is the first District on Long Island to utilize a new high-tech coating system, which should last up to 20 years!

What's important to note is after a full review and assessment, the structural integrity of the tank is intact. The tank is standing tall, yet the makeover is a necessity. Our massive water tank, which reaches 14 stories high, started to show definite signs of wear and tear since it was last worked on close to 20 years ago. The tank needs interior and exterior work to remedy corrosion and keep it safe from the elements.

## PLEASE NOTE Proper Identification For Your Safety and Security

Security is always a number one priority within the District. Please note that SFWD's authorized installers will be working within the community and will be equipped with the following security and identification materials:

- Photo and Badge Identification
- Uniform Identification
- Car Signage (*Contracted for South Farmingdale Water District*)



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# Winter Is Upon Us. Keeping Fire Hydrants **Visible During Snow Storms.**

It's hard to believe, but winter is upon us and it's a sure bet that we will see our share of snowfall this season. We were fortunate to have a very mild fall, but a winter storm can always hit us in an instant!

While many people are concerned with keeping sidewalks and roadways clear, as well as shoveling out their cars, we must not forget to keep local area fire hydrants clear from snow. The South Farmingdale Water District continually asks local consumers to

keep an eye out for any fire hydrants that may become buried in the wake of a plow. At times, snow plows blanket many of the District's 1,300 plus fire hydrants, making it nearly impossible to locate them quickly in emergency situations.

In the event of a fire, precious time is lost when firefighters have to locate and shovel out fire hydrants. SFWD



Water Commissioners ask consumers to keep fire hydrants closest to your residence or business clear of snow, with an approximate radius of 3-feet around each hydrant. Consumers should also be extremely careful and aware of vehicle traffic when shoveling snow.

## Winter Conservation Tips. **Don't Get Left Out In The Cold.**

Here are a few ways to save time, money and effort this winter as you winterize your home:

- **OUTSIDE SPIGOTS**  
Turn off your water leading to the outside of your home. Leave outside spigot valves open so the water line will fully drain. This will prevent frozen or burst pipes.
- **HOSES**  
Disconnect all hoses and store them in a basement, shed or garage to help prevent them from freezing and possibly breaking.
- **LAWN SPRINKLER SYSTEMS**  
Drain or flush out your lawn irrigation system before winter frost sets in. If in doubt, call a lawn irrigation specialist.
- **INTERIOR PIPES**  
Are your water pipes located in an unheated area of your home? If so, make sure to cover them with insulation to prevent freezing.
- **SHUT-OFF VALVE**  
It pays to know where your shut-off valve is located, especially in case of a water emergency.
- **LEAKS**  
Leaks always seem to happen at the worst time, and winter leaks can lead to serious property damage. Remember to check or listen for leaks, especially during the cold winter months. If you are experiencing a problem, be sure to call a local plumber.

# ELECTION TIME IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER. COME OUT AND VOTE!

## South Farmingdale Water District Water Commissioner Election:

**Tuesday • December 8th • 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

The South Farmingdale Water District encourages all local residents to exercise their civic duty and vote at the annual water commissioner election. Voting is one of the most precious rights we have as American citizens. Local elected leaders make the decisions that help determine the quality of our everyday lives and ultimately, the quality of our future. Only through the voting process can we truly have a voice in choosing the leaders of our local communities.

### **TWO VOTING LOCATIONS:**

#### **North Massapequa Firehouse Headquarters**

1000 North Broadway (and Albany Avenue), North Massapequa, 11758

#### **South Farmingdale Fire House**

819 South Main Street, South Farmingdale, 11735

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