

# From the TAP

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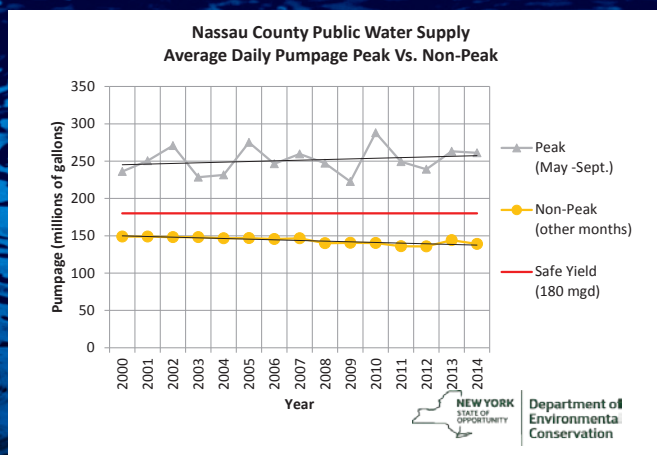
## CONSERVATION IS KEY

### SFWD PROMOTES PROTECTION OF OUR MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCE

**S**outh Farmingdale Water District, serving South Farmingdale, North Massapequa, and parts of Bethpage, Seaford and Massapequa Park, knows the importance of conservation and has developed a conservation program that has been submitted to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC).

In response to the NYSDEC's request, one of the major deliverables of the conservation program is to set a goal to reduce peak season water pumpage by 15% over the next three to four years. According to the NYSDEC, this will help to achieve safe yield estimates and reduce the need for infrastructure to meet peak demand.

Upgrades in technology will play a pivotal role, and an ongoing communication effort with



consumers is underway. Measurable objectives have been put in place, making it easier for consumers to be aware of their water usage and to help meet our goal. For more information, visit [www.sfwater.com/conservation](http://www.sfwater.com/conservation).

## Water Meter Reading Easier Than Ever Before



A major component to the District's conservation program was the implementation of a District-wide water meter upgrade. "The water meter upgrade project, which began in December 2015, has been substantially completed," said Superintendent Francis Koch, P.E. "The new cellular technology that we have adopted is extremely efficient and allows the District to read meters remotely and with greater accuracy. This is a non-intrusive way to serve our consumers and take a better pulse of water usage throughout the District."





## WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

During the course of the past few months, SFWD began an upgrade to its infrastructure with the installation of new water mains to meet the demand of the peak pumping season. The water main project is a phased program and will continue once again in the fall.

“Many of our water mains are aging,” commented the Board of Water Commissioners. “The technology and material upgrades to the system are major enhancements designed to increase water flow, water distribution and water pressure throughout the system.” The improvements will also increase the life expectancy of the system, cut down on water main breaks and help local fire departments meet water pressure demands during emergencies.

In the coming years, the South Farmingdale Water District plans on continuing its water main upgrade project.

## IRRIGATION TIPS: REDUCING WATER USAGE OUTDOORS

As spring turns into summer, water usage within the communities we serve continually goes up throughout the season. We all like to keep our gardens well hydrated as well as our landscapes and lawns. Consumers typically take for granted the use of irrigation outdoors.

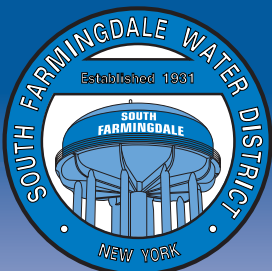
SFWD reminds its consumers about some of the Nassau County ordinances that have been put in place to help reduce overwatering, as well as some helpful tips and suggestions that you can implement on your own:

### REDUCING WATER USE – OUTDOORS

- Water your lawn early in the morning or at night
- If enough rain falls, irrigation systems should be shut off automatically by a rain sensor
- When planning your landscape, consider water efficient plants

### KNOW THE LAW – NASSAU COUNTY ORDINANCES

- Even numbered addresses and non-numbered homes can water on even numbered days; odd numbered addresses can water on odd numbered days
- Nassau County Ordinance prohibits watering between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- New irrigation systems require a Backflow Prevention Device



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# A Message from Superintendent Francis Koch, P.E.

## Protecting Our Consumers

As we enter the summer months, South Farmingdale Water District has been preparing for our busiest pumping season of the year. Please visit our website for helpful tips and suggestions and simple ways to promote healthy landscapes while using less water this summer ([www.sfwater.com/conservation](http://www.sfwater.com/conservation)).

Protecting public health is a major objective of our District and always has been. SFWD is one of the most progressive water suppliers on Long Island, and our Board of Water Commissioners proactively attends educational meetings and training workshops, keeping up with the latest information and technology regarding water quality and safety.

We also oversee an extremely precise testing program, and we sample more frequently than required. Our responsibility is to ensure that our drinking water meets and exceeds all federal, state and local standards.

SFWD continues to work together with other leading authorities such as the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, the Nassau County Department of Health, local water suppliers and elected officials to protect our most precious resource. This team approach is what we need for the sustainability of our water supply.

**Have a safe and happy summer!**



## MEET THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE SFWD TEAM

The District is happy to welcome the following new employees: Anthony Mangione, Michael Cottone and Matthew Cacioppo, all of whom are beginning their careers with SFWD as Water Plant Attendants.

These three men have much in common. They all were born and raised in Farmingdale and graduated from Farmingdale High School. Their paths now cross together as they found themselves applying for positions at SFWD, all with a desire to serve the community within which they reside.

Anthony was on a career path to work at his family's funeral home, but he wanted to explore working for an employer who would give him the freedom to work outside alongside co-workers. "I enjoy going out on the job, speaking with our consumers and taking care of customer service," Anthony commented.

Michael planned to become a special education teacher, but decided he wanted to work with his hands in a field job. "I love working with people and learning new things," Michael shared. "It's a bonus that I get to work in the neighborhoods where I grew up."

Anthony and Michael have been onboard with the District for seven months while Matt has the most experience of the new crew, being employed since summer of 2015. Matt has already earned his New York State Department of Health Distribution License, and he's become more and more involved with working on larger projects. "On bigger water infrastructure assignments, we go out together as a team and we all rely on one another to get the job done," Matt said. "When we complete our task, it's a nice feeling that we're contributing to the local community."

All three have been part of an extensive training program and are on a career path to become Water Plant Operators within 10 years. Currently, their job requirements include water testing, responding to water main breaks, flushing and changing hydrants, testing for DCVs, installing water meters, testing for backflow issues, creating mark-outs for construction workers within the field and coordinating with other utilities.

**Keep up the good work boys!**



**Matthew  
Cacioppo**

**Anthony  
Mangione**

**Michael  
Cottone**

# A CLOSER LOOK AT YOUR WATER USAGE

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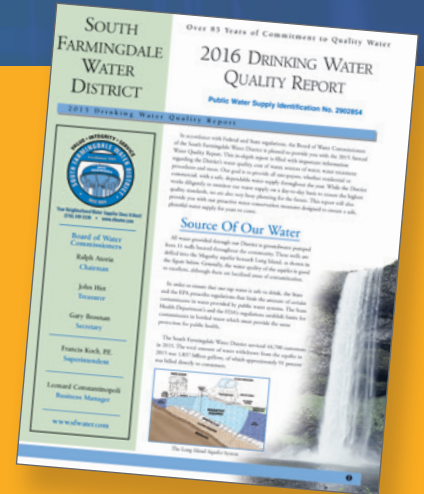
**MONITOR:**  
Hourly, daily, monthly or yearly water usage

## ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

2016 Report Available Online



In accordance with Federal and State regulations, the South Farmingdale Water District produces an Annual Water Quality Report. This in-depth report is filled with important information regarding water quality, cost, sources, treatment and more. In keeping with our goal to provide an uninterrupted water supply that meets all Federal, State and Local drinking water standards, we encourage you to read this year's report online at [www.sfwater.com/waterquality](http://www.sfwater.com/waterquality).



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