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Summer Water Conservation Tips

Summer is here, and outdoor water consumption increases dramatically. Whether it's watering lawns, landscapes or gardens, you can have a lot of control over the amount of water you use at home — and how much you can save. Together, we can develop good habits and sustainable practices to conserve our most precious natural resource now, and into the future.

South Farmingdale Water District (SFWD) relies in part on the community to help in our efforts to preserve our water resource. Below are some great tips you can implement at home to conserve water while simultaneously saving money on your water bill.



1 WATER EARLY & LESS OFTEN

Watering your lawn in the morning or at night helps avoid excess evaporation. If rain is in the forecast, turn off your irrigation system. Add smart controls and rain sensors so your irrigation system will turn off automatically.

FOLLOW THE ORDINANCE

South Farmingdale Water District falls under the Nassau County Ordinance for outdoor watering.

- Watering is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Odd-numbered homes water on odd-numbered days
- Even and non-numbered homes water on even-numbered days

2 USE A POOL COVER

If you have a pool, consider a cover. Pool covers not only keep your pool warm, but also reduce water evaporation. According to the EPA, pool covers can reduce water loss by up to 50%.

3 FIX THOSE PESKY LEAKS... PROMPTLY!

A leaky faucet, shower head or toilet can waste thousands of gallons of water each year. A leak in an irrigation line or broken sprinkler heads can waste as much as 25,000 gallons of water during the summer. If you have a leak, be sure to fix it. You'll save money and not waste our precious resource.

For More Tips, Visit:
www.sfwater.com/conservation.



L to R: Ray Averna, Massapequa Water District Commissioner; Melissa Gluszk; Isabella Gluszk; John Hirt and Ralph Atoria, South Farmingdale Water District Commissioners. Mr. Atoria also serves as 1st Vice President of NSWCA.

District Resident Receives Scholarship Award from NSWCA



Ms. Isabella Gluszk, a North Massapequa resident and Manhattan College freshmen, has received the 2023 Nicholas J. Bartilucci Manhattan College Scholarship from NSWCA. Given for excellence in the classroom, this annual scholarship is open to entering freshmen who live within a member-district of the NSWCA and are enrolled full-time in an engineering degree program at Manhattan College.

"On behalf of NSWCA and South Farmingdale Water District, we're extremely proud of Ms. Gluszk's accomplishments. She has a bright future ahead of her, and we wish her the best," commented Ralph Atoria, SFWD Chairman of the Board and 1st Vice President of NSWCA.

"It has been wonderful to see my childhood goals start to become a reality. This scholarship has made my aspirations much more attainable," said Ms. Gluszk, who is studying mechanical engineering and aiming to work in the aerospace industry.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Francis Koch, P.E.

Summer is here and a lot has been happening at South Farmingdale Water District.

First, we would like to thank you, our residents, for your cooperation with our Water Meter Endpoint Program. Your timely communication and scheduling of appointments helped us finalize our change-outs, making it a smooth process for all

involved. For those of you who may be new to the program, visit our website and check out our previous newsletters for more information.

The District is grateful for the kindness and generosity of our community. During the 2022 holiday season we orchestrated a food drive on behalf of Long Island Cares and we collected 1,323 pounds of food for their super pantry. Food insecurity on Long Island is at an all-time high and every little bit helps.

Conservation is a top priority for the District, and we continually promote sustainable practices that you can apply at home. Our cover story is dedicated to water conservation tips, and you can find many more suggestions and recommendations by visiting the conversation section of our website at www.sfwater.com/conservation.

We are happy to announce a limited rebate program to residents who install smart controller irrigation systems, helping you save some money while conserving. Read about this on the back cover of our newsletter and visit our web page at www.sfwater.com/rebate.

Thank you for your continued dedication to water conservation and sustainability.

Enjoy the summer!

South Farmingdale

KEEPING AN EYE ON YOUR WATER USAGE IS EASY!

Monitoring your water usage is easy using our “EyeOnWater” app. Our recently installed state-of-the-art smart water meters, combined with our app, allow residents to monitor water use, conserve water and save money on water bills.

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For more information, visit:
www.sfwater.com/eyeonwater.

LEAD & COPPER INVENTORY UPDATE



As part of the US Environmental Protection Act, SFWD is conducting an inventory of our service lines to comply with current EPA standards as they pertain to lead and copper material used in legacy lines. This mandate includes reviewing and inventorying public and private

lines; therefore, your in-home water lines are part of this program.

An intensive portion of this inventory task involves inspection of the water service in the ground. Our research indicates that the District has only a limited amount of lead pipes. Should your property be identified as one that might potentially use this material, the District will survey the property.

Checking your waterlines involves digging up a small section of grass in the front of your home between the sidewalk and curb. Should we find a lead service, we will inform you immediately. Once the initial information is gathered, the District will develop a public-facing, web-based map that will show service line material.

The South Farmingdale Water District would like to thank you in advance for your help and your patience as we continue our full assessment.

Congratulations are in Order

**We would like to applaud our District personnel
for their accomplishments and milestones**



SFWD Chairman Ralph Atoria Elected to NSWCA Board

SFWD Chairman of the Board Ralph Atoria was named 1st Vice President of Nassau Suffolk Water Commissioners' Association (NSWCA) for 2023. NSWCA

is dedicated to promoting environmental excellence as well as maintaining the highest standards of water quality and supply. All three of our SFWD Commissioners are members of NSWCA.



Gary Brosnan Re-Elected Commissioner

Gary Brosnan won his re-election as SFWD Water Commissioner. His three-year term began on January 1, 2023.

A 55-year resident of North

Massapequa, he has served as secretary of the board of water commissioners for 15 years, and is a past president of NSWCA. For over 35 years, he's been a volunteer firefighter for North Massapequa, eight of those as fire chief.



Happy Trails Mr. Timpa

After 33 years of service, Joseph Timpa has retired. Joe began his career at SFWD as Office Manager overseeing payroll, human resources and daily office operations. He was instrumental in reducing

SFWD's carbon footprint by transitioning to a paperless environment. As Business Manager he maintained all financial and budget aspects of the District. We wish him the very best in retirement!

PROMOTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are proud to announce the well-deserved promotions within our District. Thank you to each of our personnel for their continued dedication.



Joseph Licci Named Supervisor of Water Plant Operations

Joe has been working at SFWD for 18 years and began his career as Water Plant Attendant. In his new role, Joe is the direct supervisor of all field

personnel involved in water plant and distribution operations. Joe is a Farmingdale high school graduate and attended Farmingdale State College. He is married with three children.



Judy Walter, CPA Named Business Manager

Judy has been with SFWD for six years. As business manager, she has fiduciary responsibilities and works closely with the Superintendent and Commissioners to keep

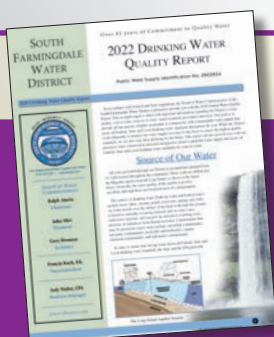
the District within budget. She received her CPA license in 2020. Judy is a proud Plainedge high school graduate. She and her husband have two children and live within the District.



Mike Martens Named Office Manager

Mike has been with SFWD since 2015 where he started as a seasonal shop employee. As Office Manager, he oversees payroll and human resources, as

well as the District's administration team on daily activities. Mike is a Farmingdale high school graduate and lives within the District. He earned his business management degree from Farmingdale State College.



Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Our 2022 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is now available.

SFWD water meets or exceeds all local, state and federal regulations and our latest report can be found online at: www.sfwater.com/waterquality.

If you would like a copy mailed to your home, please call (516) 249-3330.

SMART IRRIGATION CONTROLLERS REBATE PROGRAM

**\$100 REBATES AVAILABLE
LIMITED TIME OFFER!**



Save Water, Energy and Money

SFWD is offering customers a \$100 rebate in the form of a credit on their water bill to those who install a **smart irrigation controller** on their irrigation system.

These controllers regulate water flow based on current conditions, help reduce water consumption, adjust to the time zone regardless of season, and help save money on your water bills.

Did You Know?

- **Lessening your irrigation schedule can result in water savings of up to 30%**
- **Smart controllers adjust water schedules automatically**
- **Plants and landscapes thrive when not over-watered**

Rebates are available by visiting: **www.sfwater.com/rebate**.



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