



Be Smart and Green, Save 15

WATER CONSERVATION PILOT PROGRAM

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PORT WASHINGTON WATER DISTRICT

OUR MISSION:

The Port Washington Water District (PWWD) is setting the standard for conserving water. We have worked closely with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and set a goal to reduce pumpage by 15 percent during the irrigation season. We are rolling out a progressive campaign to give customers the facts and tools to "Be Smart and Green, Save 15!"

FACTS:

- Our water supply is not unlimited
- The Port Washington peninsula is susceptible to saltwater intrusion, and over-pumping increases the impact on our water supply
- Water-usage trends per customer are increasing
- Bulk of customer increases are associated with outdoor irrigation
- Many customers could be irrigating more efficiently
- The average lawn requires 1-2 inches of water per week

CURRENT NASSAU COUNTY LAWN WATERING ORDINANCES:

- Lawn watering is prohibited between 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Even-numbered addresses and non-numbered homes can water only on even-numbered days
- Odd-numbered addresses can water only on odd-numbered days
- Warning notices will be sent to residents
- Non-compliance can lead to fines

SMART WAYS TO CONSERVE WATER WHILE IRRIGATING:

- Utilize drip irrigation devices and soaker hoses in your garden
- Check with your local nursery for a list of low-maintenance, drought-resistant plants that require less water
- Adjust water sprinklers so they water your plants and not the driveway, sidewalk or street
- Avoid watering your lawn on windy days
- Place mulch or peat moss around your plants to retain moisture
- Make small irrigation ditches along rows of plants and flowers
- Check the weather forecast. Periods of cool, cloudy weather reduce the need to water
- Set a timer to keep track of how much watering has been done to avoid over-watering

EPA WATERSENSE LABELED TECHNOLOGY:

- PWWD has joined the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) WaterSense Program as a promotional partner to help reduce municipal water use through the promotion of water efficient products
- There are currently more than 140 irrigation controllers with the EPA Water Sense label
- PWWD recently voted to require all new irrigation systems to be equipped with EPA WaterSense labeled controllers
- For more details about WaterSense technology, please visit: <https://www3.epa.gov/watersense/>