



Be Smart and Green, Save 15

WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

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PORT WASHINGTON WATER DISTRICT

OUR MISSION:

The Port Washington Water District (PWWD) is setting the standard for conserving water. Our “Be Smart and Green, Save 15” water conservation campaign is focused on educating our customers of the simple ways they can join this ever-important effort to conserve water and better protect our sole-source aquifer. We urge the Port Washington community to implement water-saving devices and tactics into their daily routines to ensure our water supply remains safe from the dangers of saltwater contamination.

FACTS:

- In 2016, the PWWD pumped for than 1.4 billion gallons of water from our sole-source aquifer
- 860 million gallons of this water was pumped between May and September
- Our water supply is not unlimited
- Water-usage trends per customer are increasing
- The Port Washington peninsula is susceptible to saltwater contamination, and over-pumping increases the impact on our water supply
- 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
- Smart irrigation system controllers can reduce outdoor water waste by up to 60 percent.
- Smart irrigation systems can save the average homeowner up to \$100 on their water bill during the irrigation season.
- For more details about WaterSense technology, please visit: <https://www3.epa.gov/watersense/>