Water shortages during times of peak demand are a real concern for the Port Washington Water District (PWWD) this summer. In order to meet the water needs of our community during the hotter months while simultaneously taking wells offline and constructing the treatment systems necessary to address emerging contaminants, the Port Washington community MUST conserve water. With irrigation systems drawing the greatest demand for water, we are relying on residents to take specific actions to save water when irrigating this summer. **When you or your irrigation contractor turn on your automatic sprinkler system, it is mandatory that you adhere to the following:**

- Turn back watering times for each zone by four minutes as it will help save up to 20 percent on overall usage.
- Addresses that fall within a particular geographic zone are required to follow the time schedule for automatic irrigation system watering established within that specific zone (SEE MAP ON NEXT PAGE).
- Check for leaks or broken sprinkler heads that waste water unnecessarily.
- Ensure that irrigation clocks are adhering to Nassau County’s Odd/Even Lawn Watering Ordinance (see next page for more details).
- Ensure automatic rain and soil moisture sensors are working properly.
- If you use a Contractor to startup your system, obtain written certification that the rain and/or soil sensors are working properly.
- Consider installing a smart irrigation controller. The District has **$150 rebates** available to residents who make the switch (learn more at pwwd.org).
- Make good landscaping choices, such as integration of native/drought resistant plans and xeriscaping, as this will lead to lower water usage.
To help alleviate the sharp increase in water demand in the early mornings to satisfy the needs from irrigation systems, the District has worked with the local municipal jurisdictions to break the peninsula into varying irrigation zones. This coordination will prevent the District’s infrastructure from becoming overwhelmed during peak times.

MANUAL LAWN AND GARDEN IRRIGATION

For those residents who manually water their lawns and gardens, it is required that you adhere to the following:

- Follow Nassau County’s Odd/Even Lawn Watering Ordinance (see bottom of page for more details).
- Restrict irrigation to 15 minutes per area with a maximum watering of two hours per day.

We appreciate all of your assistance in helping us reach this critical water reduction goal for our community and overall region. Your role is invaluable to helping us achieve our goals. If you have questions, please contact info@pwwd.org or 516-767-0171.

MORE ABOUT THE NASSAU COUNTY LAWN WATERING ORDINANCE

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