

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has issued a statewide “drought watch” as of August 9, 2022. All residents and businesses are urged to voluntarily conserve water, as persistent hot and dry conditions impact available water supplies. If conditions do not improve, NJDEP will be forced to escalate from the current “drought watch” to “drought warning” or “drought emergency,” classifications which would implement mandatory water use restrictions statewide.

While Ridgewood Water’s current [water regulations](#) restrict watering, ongoing dry conditions with very little precipitation will continue to burden the system. To avoid going into further restrictions, we are putting a hold on issuing new smart controller approvals. Odd numbered addresses water on Tuesday and Saturday. Even numbered addresses water on Wednesday and Sunday.

Ridgewood Water will continue to monitor conditions and will notify you of any further changes. At this time, Ridgewood Water will not be approving Smart Controller or New Landscaping Exemptions.

Water conservation resources are available via NJDEP’s Conserve Water website at [NJDEP | Conserve Water | Conserve Water](#) or via Ridgewood Water at <https://water.ridgewoodnj.net/water-conservation/>.

Thank you for your cooperation.