

Ridgewood Water Weekly

Road Work Ahead

Week of 4/15/2024

Potential for Traffic Diversion: (Moderate)

RW Capital Improvement Contractors will be working in Wyckoff. RW has an active water main replacement project on Carlton Rd. Another contractor has begun raw water main installation this week on Grandview Ave., along the stretch from Nancy Ln. to Wyckoff Ave. RW Distribution Crews are scheduling main-to-curb lead service line (LSL) replacements on various streets throughout the service area to meet independent contractors replacing customer side LSLs.

EPA Releases National PFAS Standards

On April 10, 2024 the US EPA released the first national regulations on PFAS Compounds. Water Utilities around the country will now have 3 years to test their water sources and two additional years to take action such as installing treatment in order to be in compliance.

PFAS Compound	Final MCLG	Final MCL (Enforceable)
PFOA	Zero	4.0 part per trillion (ppt)
PFOS	Zero	4.0 ppt
PFHxS	10 ppt	10 ppt
PFNA	10 ppt	10 ppt
HFPO-DA (GenX)	10 ppt	10 ppt
Mixtures Containing two or more PFHxs, PFNA, HFPO-DA, and PFBS	1 (unitless) Hazard Index	1 (unitless) Hazard Index

- Utilities have until 2029 to be compliant
 - Ridgewood Water will be in compliance in 2026
- Maximum Contaminant Limit Goals are set to zero ppt
 - Current Testing capacity can only test down to 1.3 ppt
 - 1.3 ppt or below = nondetectable

- NJ Limits are set to 13 and 14 ppt, and the US EPA sets limits as low as 4 ppt
 - RW's PFAS Treatment Master Plan is designed to reach nondetectable levels

“Let’s be clear. PFAS is not a local problem. It is a global problem,” said Mayor Paul Vagianos.

“Ridgewood Water is so far ahead of the curve because we began planning for this when it initially became a concern. By 2026, Ridgewood Water will be the standard that all other water providers will aspire towards.”

Important Reminders

Report Unauthorized Hydrant Access

With the warming weather, local contractors and utility contractors (PSEG, Road Pavers, etc.) will be increasing their work in our area. Ridgewood Water’s staff or local fire departments should be the only entities operating hydrants, unless a permit has been issued by Ridgewood Water. Unauthorized operation of a hydrant may result in “dirty water” events by dislodging mineral sediment, or even cross-contamination of the RW distribution system. Please report any unauthorized hydrant use to our customer service department at (201) 670-5520 or by email at CSwater@ridgewoodnj.net.