



# Ridgewood Water Weekly

Week of 4/1/2024

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## Important Reminders

**Let's Be Water Wise:** Warm weather is coming, and our yards and gardens are greening up. Did you know that water use triples in the summer due to lawn watering? We need your help to cut back on outdoor water use by 20%.

### Benefits of Being Water Wise

- **Better Water Quality**- We've detected PFAS in our wells. Using water wisely helps reduce our reliance on the wells that have higher levels of PFAS.
- **Lawn Protection** - Did you know that overwatering causes shallow root systems and attracts invasive pests? These conditions make your lawn more susceptible during a drought or dry spell. Watering wisely helps protect our water supply and strengthens your landscape.

### How to Be Water Wise

- **Reduce watering time by 20%** - An easy way to conserve water is to reduce your watering time by 20%. If you usually run your sprinklers for 20 minutes, cut back to 16 minutes. If your lawn still looks good, cut back even more.
- **Sign Up for WaterSmart** - WaterSmart is a free service that shows you how much water you are using and helps create a plan on how to use 20% less.
- **Two-Day Watering Schedule:**

### Two-Day Watering Schedule

Address Type	Day of the Week	Irrigation Type	Time of Day
Odd Number	Tuesday and Saturday	Manual Irrigation	Before 10 am or after 6 pm
Even Number	Wednesday and Sunday	Automatic Irrigation	Between 3 am and 7 am
Municipal Property	Monday and Friday	Smart Controller Permit	Between 3 am and 7 am

*Irrigation is allowed any day within time restrictions noted above if using a hand-held hose or drip irrigation. Smart Controller Permits can be obtained from Ridgewood Water.*

Adhering to the two-day watering schedule helps maintain our supply in case of drought or other emergency. Across the state, communities are questioning the alternate day watering schedule. Let's show New Jersey how Glen Rock, Midland Park, Ridgewood, and Wyckoff, once again, lead the way by following the two-day a week watering schedule.

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## PFAS Capital Improvement Projects

### Ames PFAS Treatment Facility:

Over the last few weeks, the Ames PFAS Treatment Facility Construction Contract has been awarded by the Village Council and given final approval by the NJ I-Bank. These important steps allow the 2nd of the Big 4 PFAS Treatment Facilities to enter into the construction phase.





### Wortendyke PFAS Treatment Facility:

RW is presenting the final design of this facility at the Midland Park Planning Board meeting on Monday, April 15th, 2024. This is a major step in moving the 3rd of the Big 4 Treatment Facilities towards entering the construction phase.

### East Ridgewood and West End PFAS Treatment Facilities:

RW has officially opened the bidding process for these two PFAS Treatment Facilities. The bids are set to be publicly opened on May 15th at 10:00am.

**We have a 4-Point Plan to address PFAS in the water.**

- 1**  Holding manufacturers responsible
- 2**  Delivering water with the least amount of PFAS
- 3**  Investing in new treatment to make PFAS undetectable by 2026
- 4**  Seeking federal funding to keep costs as low as possible

### Raw Water Mains Installation, Phase 1, Contract 2:

RW has contracted Underground Utilities Corporation to complete the installation of Raw Water Mains that will link satellite wells to the various proposed PFAS Treatment Facilities. Construction is starting next week on Grandview Ave. In addition, the contractor will begin on College Rd. and Glen Ave. in Midland Park before the end of April.

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## 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
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- 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
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### 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.



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**Lead Service Line Replacement Project:** 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. As our LSL Replacement Program and associated ordinances are being introduced at council/committee, many residents are hiring independent contractors to replace their lines. Please remind your contractors to contact our customer service team to ensure that our distribution crews are able to coordinate inspections and system-side LSL replacements in a timely manner.

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## PFAS Master Treatment Master Plan

The chart below is a breakdown of the 12 Treatment Facilities that comprise our PFAS Treatment Master Plan and their construction status. Currently 5 facilities are under construction or online, 2 are in the review and approval process, 2 are out to bid, and 3 are in final design. All projects will be complete by the end of 2026.

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Twinney	-Construction completed, facility in operation	August 2022
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