

Ridgewood Water Weekly

Week of October 21, 2024

Hydrant Flushing Begins October 27

Every October, Ridgewood Water flushes all hydrants in the system as part of our routine maintenance. This year, hydrant flushing will begin on Sunday, October 27th at 9:00 pm and continue for two weeks. Automatic sprinkler systems can impact hydrant flushing, so **please turn off your system** by October 27th. Thank you for your cooperation.



Governor Issues Drought Watch

The Murphy Administration has issued a statewide Drought Watch, urging residents to voluntarily **conserve water** as dry conditions persist and warmer-than-average temperatures continue to stress the state's water supplies. If conditions do not improve, declaration of a Drought Warning or a Drought Emergency with mandatory water-use restrictions may become necessary.

Update on Recent Low-Pressure Events

Ridgewood Water has hired a hydraulic engineer from the firm Mott MacDonald to evaluate the low-pressure events that took place in September and October. We expect to receive their report by the end of November. In the interim, Mott MacDonald has evaluated short-term solutions and recommends the installation of a pump station on West Glen Avenue in Ridgewood to transfer water from the Ridgewood Water low zone to the affected intermediate zone.

We have begun the process of planning, engineering and permitting for the new transfer station.

The following actions have been taken:

- Engaged the Village of Ridgewood Engineer to prepare a drawing of the proposed area.
- Scheduled installation of the underground piping necessary for the pump station.
- Called in utility markouts to identify other utilities in the area.
- Started discussions about the procurement of the necessary pump and equipment.
- Communicated with the NJDEP regarding required construction permits.
- Communicated with Bergen County on an emergency road opening and right-of-way construction permit.

Ridgewood Water's goal is to have the transfer station operational in the spring of 2025.

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8th PFAS Treatment Facility Gets the Green Light

Ridgewood Water has reached an important milestone in our PFAS Treatment Master Plan. A notice to proceed has been issued for the Wortendyke facility in Midland Park, which means construction can begin. When completed at the end of 2026, it will be able to treat **2.9 million gallons of water per day**.



Construction Begins on East Ridgewood Facility

Sovereign Consulting recently began work on the East Ridgewood PFAS Treatment Facility. Work will take place on weekdays between 7:00 am and 4:00 pm until completion in **January 2026**.

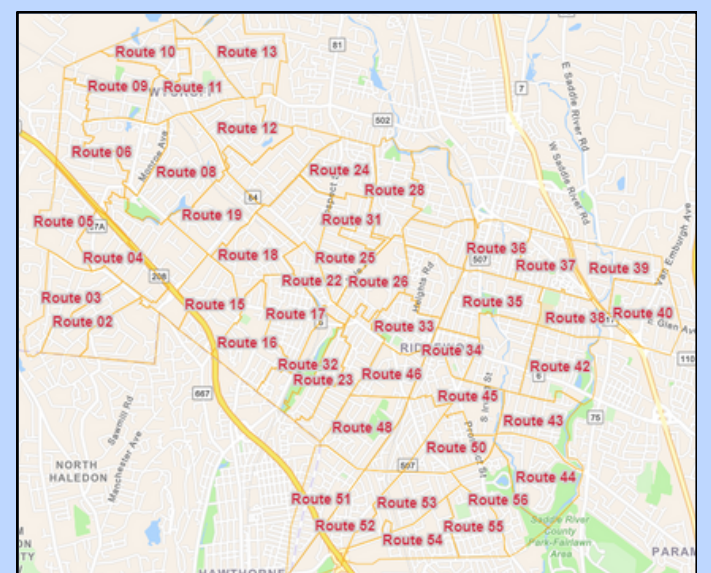
Drought Watch Continues

An estimated **3.7 million New Jersey residents are in areas of drought** - an increase of 13.5 percent since last week, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. Residents are urged to continue to voluntarily conserve water as dry conditions persist and warmer-than-average temperatures continue to stress the state's water supplies. If conditions do not improve, declaration of a Drought Warning or a Drought Emergency with mandatory water-use restrictions may become necessary.

Hydrant Flushing Underway

Every October, Ridgewood Water flushes all hydrants in the system as part of our routine maintenance. This year, hydrant flushing began on Sunday, October 27th and will continue through Friday, November 8th. Flushing will take place between the hours of 9:00 pm and 4:30 am.

If you would like to know when, approximately, the utility crews will be in your neighborhood, please refer to our [Interactive Map](#).



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Did You Schedule Your Blowout?

Winter may not be on your radar screen, but it IS time to prepare your sprinkler system for the colder months. If you haven't already done so, **schedule your system winterization**. If you fail to "blow out" your system before temperatures consistently dip below 32 degrees, you run the risk that residual water in the pipes and valves will freeze, potentially leading to breaks, leaks, costly repairs and a higher water bill.

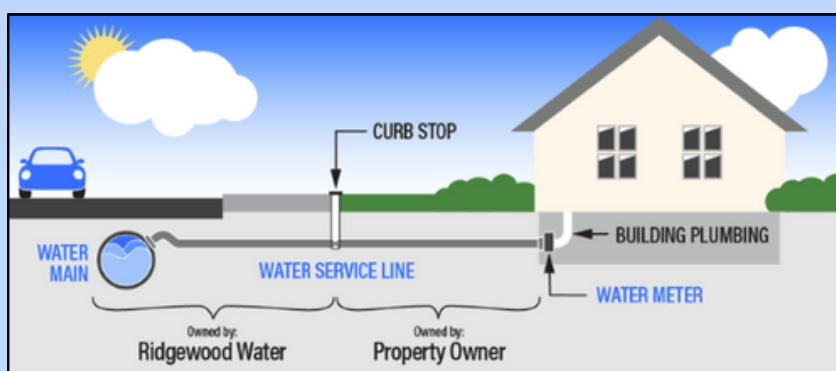


Winter Water-Conservation Tips

Water conservation is a year-round issue! **Follow these tips** to keep your water bills in check.

- Check for leaks around your home. A dripping faucet can waste several thousand gallons of water a year. And a leaky toilet can waste about 200 gallons of water a day.
- Consider installing low-flow shower heads and faucets.
- Shorten your shower by a minute or two, and turn off the water while brushing your teeth.
- Insulate hot water pipes to reduce the amount of time it takes for the water to "run hot."
- Run your dishwasher only when it's full, and use the garbage disposal sparingly.
- Use rain barrels to collect rainwater from your gutter system for future use in your garden or yard.

Deadline Approaching: Are You In or Out?



The Lead Service Line Replacement Program is in the Opt-in/Opt-out period through December 1, 2024. We encourage all customers who want to have their lead or galvanized service line replaced through the program to **OPT IN**. When firm prices are determined later this year, you will have an additional 30 days to make a final decision. Visit water.ridgewood.net to learn more and sign up.

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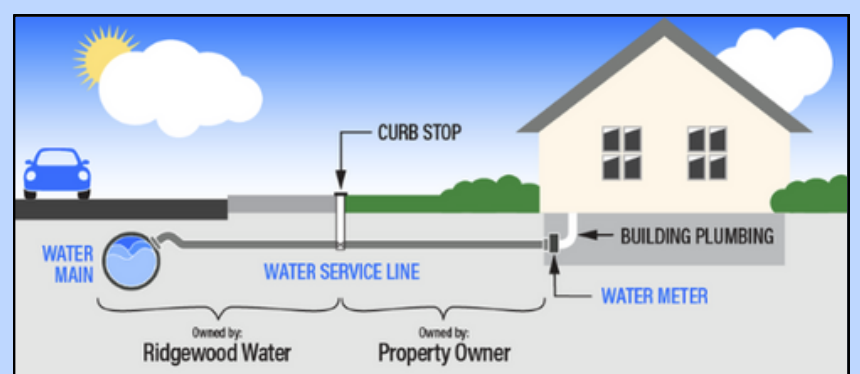
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Thanksgiving Holiday Hours

Ridgewood Water will be closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th in observance of Thanksgiving. If you experience a water emergency or notice a situation that you believe requires immediate attention, please **call 201-670-5520 and press "8."** A member of our on-call staff will promptly respond. We hope you have a wonderful holiday!

Are You Getting the Lead Out?

December 1 marks the end of the first Opt-In period for Ridgewood Water's Lead Line Service Replacement Program, which offers a 30-year financing option to homeowners with a lead service line. Another advantage of the program: Ridgewood Water will schedule and manage all aspects of replacement. [Visit water.ridgewood.net](http://water.ridgewood.net) to learn more about the program and to sign up.



Overnight Road Closure

Ridgewood Water will be installing a booster station to increase flow to a low-pressure area affected by the boil water advisory this past September. The first step of this project is connecting to the existing water main and extending two eight-inch water mains across Glen Avenue in Ridgewood. As a result, **Glen Avenue in Ridgewood will be closed** from Oak Street to Upper Boulevard from Tuesday, November 26th at approximately 7:00 pm through Wednesday, November 27th at approximately 8:00 am. *Work will take place overnight in an effort to minimize inconvenience.*

Road Resurfacing Work Ahead

The following streets are scheduled to be paved on Wednesday, **November 27**:

- Alan Avenue, Glen Rock (Chadwick Place to Dead End)
- Chadwick Place, Glen Rock (Alan Avenue to Tilghman Drive)

The following streets are scheduled to be milled and paved from **December 2 through December 5**:

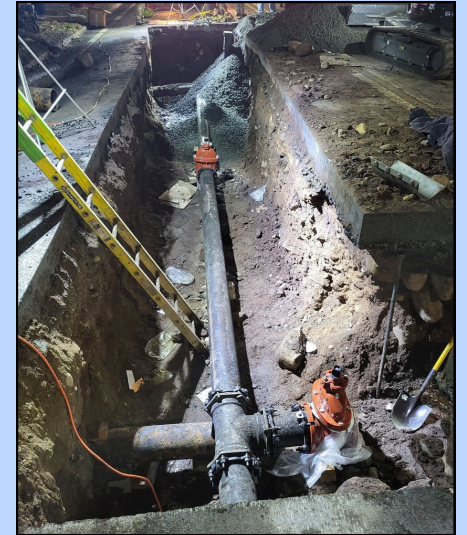
- Grove Street, Glen Rock (Prospect Street to South Irving Street)
- South Irving Street, Ridgewood (Spring Avenue to Grove Street)
- Spring Avenue, Ridgewood (South Irving Street to Dunham Trail)

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Partial Road Closure Next Week

Glen Avenue in Ridgewood will be partially closed (allowing for one-lane traffic) from Oak Street to Upper Boulevard on Tuesday, **December 10th from approximately 5:00 am to 3:00 pm**, as work progresses toward the installation of a booster station to increase flow to a low-pressure area affected by the boil water advisory this past September. The first step of this project is connecting to the existing water main and extending two eight-inch water mains across Glen Avenue. (See the snapshot of last week's work.) Detours will be in place, and police officers will be on site to assist drivers. We appreciate your understanding and patience!



Road Resurfacing Work Ahead

The weather and the temperature will dictate whether the following streets will be closed for paving on Monday, **December 9th** or Tuesday, **December 10th, from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm**:

- Grove Street, Glen Rock (Prospect Street to South Van Dien Avenue)
- South Irving Street, Ridgewood (Spring Avenue to Grove Street)
- Spring Avenue, Ridgewood (South Maple Avenue to Brookside Avenue)

Archaeological Site Uncovered

During the engineering and planning phase of the Cedar Hill PFAS Treatment Facility in Wyckoff, archaeological studies uncovered 18th century artifacts, including the foundation of a building, at the proposed site of the new construction. After a review by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the State Historic Preservation Office, it was determined that the artifacts, while culturally significant, do not supersede the need for the PFAS Treatment Facility and its public health benefits.

The significance of the site's history *does* call for mitigation prior to construction, and Ridgewood Water has commissioned Hunter Research in Princeton to excavate the site and donate the artifacts for preservation and future study. A public event will be held on Tuesday, **December 17th** to allow residents and local history buffs to view the work in progress. Stay tuned for details!

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‘Archaeological Dig Day’ in Wyckoff!

Ridgewood Water is pleased to invite the public to an “Archaeological Dig Day” on **December 17th**, taking place at the future site of the Cedar Hill PFAS Treatment Facility in Wyckoff.

During the engineering and planning phase of the Cedar Hill PFAS Treatment Facility, archaeological surveys uncovered 18th century artifacts, including the stone foundation of a house, at the proposed site of the new construction. More detailed historical research has preliminarily identified the house as belonging to Daniel Rutan, a French Huguenot immigrant who settled in what would become Wyckoff Township in the mid-1700s.

Join us for a tour of the site as well as a hands-on presentation by Hunter Research, Inc., which is conducting the investigation and excavation. It is hoped that this investigation will provide important information about the occupation of the Daniel Rutan House site by early colonial settlers, 19th-century farmers and early 20th-century suburbanites.

[Click here to sign up for a time slot.](#)

We are holding two one-hour sessions – **11:00 am and 1:00 pm**. Space is limited!



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PFAS Treatment Facility Construction Update

MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Ridgewood Water is on target to reach **nondetectable levels of all regulated PFAS compounds** by the end of 2026, when all 12 PFAS Treatment Facilities are up and running. This timeline puts Ridgewood Water three years ahead of the Environmental Protection Agency's 2029 deadline for the reduction of PFOA and PFOS levels to 4 parts per trillion in the nation's water supply.

Currently, two PFAS Treatment Facilities are operational, six are under construction, and the remaining four are in the final permitting and design phase.



RAW WATER MAINS UPDATE

In mid-December, a contract was awarded for the installation of raw water mains that will connect multiple offsite wells to the Ames (Wyckoff) and Wortendyke (Midland Park) PFAS Treatment Facilities. Nearly 28,000 linear feet of mains will be installed at a cost of approximately \$7.48 million. Sometime in the next six to 12 months, work will take place on the following streets:

MIDLAND PARK

Waldo Avenue, Fairhaven Drive, Park Avenue, Chestnut Street, Center Street, Payne Avenue, Vreeland Avenue, Witte Drive, Greenwood Avenue, Birch Street, Highwood Avenue and Farview Street.

RIDGEWOOD

Farview Street

WYCKOFF

Hartung Drive, Pinewood Drive, Monroe Avenue, Van Houten Avenue, Midland Avenue, Howard Street and Park Avenue.

Residents will be given ample notice prior to the start of the project.