# **Ridgewood Water Weekly**

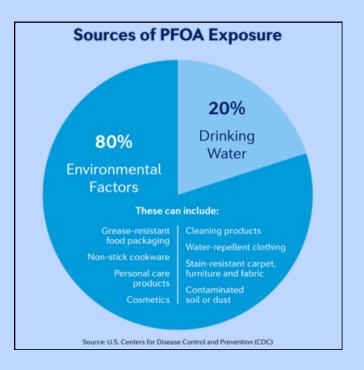
Week of April 7, 2025

## **Latest Quarterly PFAS Public Notice**

All Ridgewood Water customers will receive our 2025 First Quarter PFAS Public Notice this week.

Ridgewood Water is one of the estimated 6,600 public drinking water systems in the United States impacted by per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). We are also proud to be a leader in the treatment of PFAS.

By the end of 2026, all regulated PFAS compounds will be nondetectable in our treated water, exceeding the EPA standard of 4 parts per trillion. In addition, our system-wide project will be completed three years ahead of the EPA's 2029 deadline.



You may be asking:

**Why is it taking so long?** The short answer is that it takes time to consolidate 31 treatment facilities spread across four towns into 12 PFAS Treatment Facilities. Our entire system needed to be redesigned to effectively address PFAS.

**What exactly is being done?** Ridgewood Water proactively commissioned a PFAS Treatment Master Plan study in January 2019.

- In September 2019, our first PFAS Treatment Facility was up and running.
- The second facility went online in August 2022.
- An additional six are under construction, four of which are on target to come online in 2025.
- The remaining four are on schedule to be completed by the end of 2026.

What are you doing in the meantime? We are working to deliver water with the lowest levels of PFAS and are purchasing additional supply from Veolia Water, Hawthorne Water and the Passaic Valley Water Commission, all of which are compliant with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection PFAS regulations.

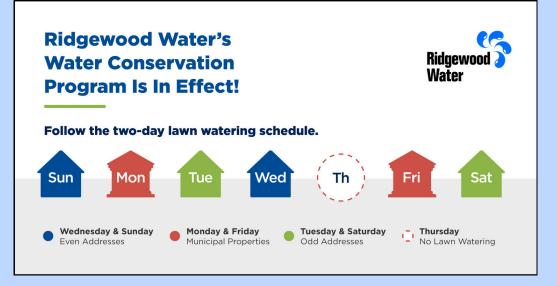
If you have any questions about our water system, please don't hesitate to reach out at 201-670-5520 or cswater@ridgewoodnj.net.





## **Two-Day Watering Schedule in Effect**

Just a reminder that Ridgewood Water's two-day lawn watering schedule is in effect in all four towns we serve - Glen Rock, Midland Park, Ridgewood and Wyckoff. **Odd addresses: Tuesday and Saturday. Even addresses: Wednesday and Sunday.** There's no lawn watering on Thursday, and Monday and Friday are reserved for municipal properties. Please have a conversation with your irrigation company to ensure that your sprinklers are set up to follow this schedule. We also recommend learning how to operate the system yourself since your irrigation company may not always be available.



#### It's Peak Wildfire Season



This past fall/winter season was the second driest on record - dating back to 1896! Despite a nearly normal February in terms of rainfall, below-average precipitation remains the dominant weather pattern throughout the state. As a result, **New Jersey remains under drought warning during peak wildfire season**. At this time of year, trees and underbrush are still leafing out, relative humidity is generally low, and windy days are common. The combination of these factors means forested lands dry out quickly. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection urges residents to "do our part to prevent wildfires and reduce water use, especially when gardening, landscaping and caring for our lawns." **Conserve water today to prevent a drought emergency AND firefighting emergency tomorrow.** 

### **Ongoing Road Work**

Ridgewood Water's project to install new water mains in the area of the Eastside Reservoir and future site of the Eastside PFAS Treatment Facility in Ridgewood is one week ahead of schedule. Work on East Glen Avenue began on Monday, and the crew is trying their best to get past the Glen School during spring break. Road work is taking place from **7:00 am to 4:00 pm on weekdays**, and is expected to be completed by mid-May. Please allow extra time when traveling in the area.



