

# Ridgewood Water Weekly

July 7, 2025

## 2025 Water Quality Report Now Available

Ridgewood Water's **2025 Water Quality Report** can be viewed on our website (<https://water.ridgewoodnj.net/water>) and by scanning the QR code. The report summarizes more than 10,000 tests covering dozens of potential contaminants including lead, volatile organic compounds, disinfection products and PFAS. If you need assistance understanding some of the technical language in the report, please reach out to Customer Service at 201-670-5520 or [cswater@ridgewoodnj.net](mailto:cswater@ridgewoodnj.net).



## Lead Levels Well Below State Limits



Lead levels have remained well below state safety limits since 2015, when corrosion controls were fully implemented. Eleven rounds of lead and copper testing have been conducted per New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) protocols since that time, and every test has shown lead levels well below the legal limit of 15 parts per billion (PPB). The highest lead level Ridgewood Water has seen was 6.28 PPB, which is **less than half of the NJDEP's maximum contaminant level**.

## Tap Water Vs. Bottled Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. Ridgewood Water's source is primarily groundwater, from the 52 deep wells that we own and operate. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the NJDEP prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in the water supplied by public water systems. Similarly, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water. **It should be noted that EPA/NJDEP regulations are more stringent than FDA regulations.**





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## Help Us Avoid Stage 3 Water Restrictions

We have come close to enacting Stage 3 water restrictions in recent weeks as water usage, particularly on Tuesday and Saturday mornings, has increased dramatically in several locations in our four-town service area. **Please note that this spike is directly related to lawn watering.** We urge customers to follow the two-day watering schedule - odd addresses Tuesdays and Saturdays only, even addresses, Wednesdays and Sundays only. To report non-compliance, please email [reportwater@ridgewoodnj.net](mailto:reportwater@ridgewoodnj.net) or call 201-670-5520.



## Annual Hydrant Inspections Begin Next Week



Every year, **Ridgewood Water inspects all 1,767 fire hydrants in our service area** to ensure they are in proper working condition. Some of the items that are checked during the annual inspection include:

- Obstructions that could interfere with hydrant operation
- Cracked or missing caps
- Leaky or broken nozzles, gaskets and valves
- Main valve leaks
- Water flow

## Final PFAS Treatment Facility Out to Bid

The last of the 12 PFAS Treatment Facilities being built by Ridgewood Water - Cedar Hill in Wyckoff - is currently being advertised for bidding from contractors, with a deadline of August 15. Cedar Hill also is the final “Big Four” facility to be constructed. When completed by the end of 2026, Cedar Hill will be able to treat **3 million gallons of water a day**, which represents one-fifth of our highest daily demand of 15 million gallons.

## Overnight Road Work in Ridgewood

Work continues on the booster station being installed on Glen Avenue, between Oak Street and Upper Boulevard, in Ridgewood. The next phase of the project will take place from **10:00 pm on Thursday, July 24 to 7:30 am on Friday, July 25**. There will be a single lane closure going eastbound on Glen Avenue, allowing for alternating traffic in the westbound lane. Police officers will be on site to assist drivers. We appreciate your patience as we undertake this important work.



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## 423 Violations Documented

Since the first week of June, a team of Ridgewood Water employees have been performing late-night/early-morning checks on sprinkler usage in Glen Rock, Midland Park, Ridgewood and Wyckoff. A total of **423 violations of the two-day watering schedule** have been documented to date.












What happens next?

- Each property in violation receives **two warnings**.
- After the second violation, property owners **receive a ticket**.
- Each week, the administrator/manager in each town receives a list of violations.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Th	Fri	Sat
						
 <b>Wednesday &amp; Sunday</b> Even Addresses	 <b>Monday &amp; Friday</b> Municipal Properties	 <b>Tuesday &amp; Saturday</b> Odd Addresses	 <b>Thursday</b> No Lawn Watering			

**AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS**  
Watering allowed between 3:00 am and 7:00 am on designated days

**HANDHELD HOSE/DRIP IRRIGATION**  
Watering allowed any day before 10:00 am or after 6:00 pm