

Ridgewood Water Weekly

October 17, 2025

Hydrant Flushing Starts on Sunday

As part of Ridgewood Water's annual preventive maintenance program, utility crews will be flushing hydrants during the last two weeks of October, weather conditions permitting.

Flushing will take place from **9:00 pm to 4:30 am from October 19 through 24** (Sunday night through Friday morning) and **October 26 through 30** (Sunday night through Thursday morning).

Please note: You may experience temporary low water pressure or discoloration of your water. Any discolored water is from mineral deposits dislodged during the flushing process and is not a health or safety concern. We recommend running cold water at the lowest tub or sink for a few minutes before doing laundry or using the dishwasher in order to clear the water.

Also recommended: bypassing any home filtration systems during the flushing process, as mineral deposits could load the filter membrane.

To find out when hydrant flushing is expected to take place in your neighborhood, visit water.ridgewoodnj.net.

PFAS Treatment Progress

It was an exciting week at Ridgewood Water! Granular Activated Carbon vessels were delivered to the Ames PFAS Treatment Facility in Wyckoff (left), and Resin Ion Exchange vessels were delivered to the West End PFAS Treatment Facility in Ridgewood. When operational next year, the six vessels at Ames will treat up to **2.1 million gallons of water per day**. And the two vessels at West End will treat up to **620,000 gallons of water per day**. All regulated PFAS compounds will be undetectable in the treated water, surpassing the EPA standard of 4 parts per trillion.



Statewide Drought Watch Still in Effect

Despite the coastal storm over the weekend, New Jersey remains in a statewide Drought Watch. **All residents are asked to follow water conservation practices, and to use water wisely, particularly when using water outdoors.**

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Behind the Scenes at Ridgewood Water



A hydroexcavator identifying the material of a service line that is currently unknown in our records.



Collecting water treatment samples.



Installing a raw water main that will connect satellite wells to the new PFAS Treatment Facilities.



The delivery of granular activated carbon vessels at the Ames PFAS Treatment Facility in Wyckoff.

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PFAS Treatment Progress

Two Resin Ion Exchange vessels were recently delivered to the East Ridgewood PFAS Treatment Facility in Ridgewood. When operational next year, the facility will treat up to **1.19 million gallons of water per day**. All regulated PFAS compounds will be undetectable in the treated water, surpassing the EPA standard of 4 parts per trillion.

By the end of 2026, 11 of the 12 new PFAS Treatment Facilities will be fully operational. The final facility is expected to come online in the first quarter of 2027. This achievement means our system-wide project will be completed **four years ahead** of the Environmental Protection Agency's 2031 compliance deadline.



Will You Take a Brief Survey?

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is conducting a brief survey to better understand community awareness and concerns about PFAS in drinking water. Can you spare five minutes to take this anonymous survey? **The deadline is November 30.** Your feedback will help shape public health planning, education and response efforts. The survey is available at: surveymonkey.com/r/pfaswatersurvey

A Family Tradition of Service

When Neil Gallone began his career at Ridgewood Water as an intern 25 years ago, he became the **fourth generation** of family members to work at the utility! Cornelius Howard joined Ridgewood Water in the 1940s, followed by his son-in-law, John Gallone, in 1963, then Neil Gallone Sr. in 1978 and finally Neil Gallone Jr. in 2000 (pictured with his father). Currently, Neil serves as the manager of our Geographic Information Systems division, which is responsible for mapping, storing and analyzing physical assets such as water mains, valves, service lines, fire hydrants, wells, tanks and treatment centers. "I trust our water," said Neil, whose family members have lived in Midland Park for more than 200 years. "Our water is more regulated, tested and treated than bottled water and doesn't come in plastic containers." *Neil was featured in the June 2025 issue of Ridgewood Living.*

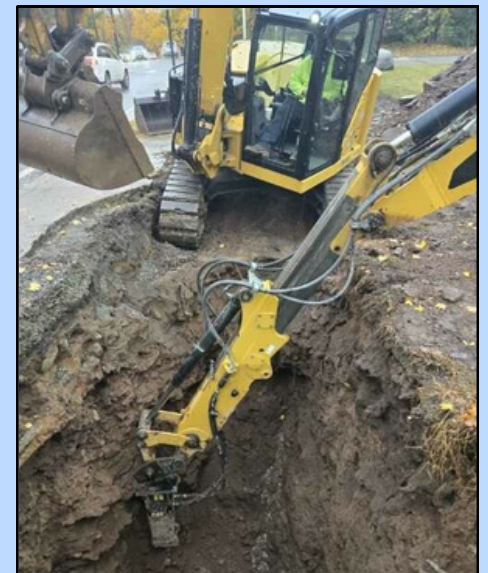


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Booster Station Progress

Ridgewood Water crews were up early on Wednesday, excavating a 22-foot-deep hole to house a new booster pump that will improve water flow to a low-pressure area. The process involved jackhammering through six feet of rock (pictured) on Glen Avenue in Ridgewood! **The pump is expected to be fully installed and operational well ahead of next year's peak season.**



Archaeological Discoveries

During the engineering and planning phase of the Cedar Hill PFAS Treatment Facility, archaeological studies revealed remarkable 18th-century artifacts, including the stone foundation of a home that once belonged to a French immigrant who settled in what would later become Wyckoff Township in the mid-1700s. We invite you to **explore the blog posts on our website** to learn about Hunter Research's archaeological investigations, which offer fascinating insights into the daily lives of the area's earliest settlers.



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.