

# Ridgewood Water Weekly

January 2, 2026

## 2026 PFAS Treatment Construction Update

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### 2026 Construction Schedule

- Ravine, East Ridgewood and West End (Ridgewood): January 2026
- Ames (Wyckoff): April 2026
- Wortendyke (Midland Park): First Quarter 2026
- Eastside (Ridgewood), Main (Glen Rock), and Mountain (Wyckoff): October 2026

For more information about PFAS treatment and project updates, visit [water.ridgewoodnj.net/pfas-resources](https://water.ridgewoodnj.net/pfas-resources).



Ames PFAS Treatment Facility

## Lead Service Line Replacements Have Begun

Lead service lines were replaced on seven streets in Ridgewood this past month as part of Ridgewood Water's Lead Service Line Replacement Program. To date, **500 property owners** across Glen Rock, Midland Park, Ridgewood and Wyckoff have signed up for the program. Homeowners on the list will be contacted directly by the contractor to schedule a pre-inspection and replacement. For more information about the LSLR program, visit [leadreplacement.ridgewoodnj.net](https://leadreplacement.ridgewoodnj.net).

## Water Main Installation Work Ahead

On or about **January 5**, water main installation work will begin on **Godwin Avenue in Midland Park**, between Park Avenue and Chestnut Street. The project is expected to last two to three weeks. Road closures and detours will be in effect, and traffic officers will be on site to assist drivers. We appreciate your patience as this important work is completed to connect offsite wells to the Wortendyke PFAS Treatment Facility, which is on target to come online in the first quarter of 2026.

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## Employee Spotlight

**William “Bill” Bierwas** joined Ridgewood Water in 2016, but his career in the water industry began well before that. At just 18 years old, Bill began working for the Ringwood Department of Public Works. He started out by painting fire hydrants and worked his way up to the distribution crew before becoming a Licensed Treatment Plant Operator. Along the way, he took the initiative to pursue and earn his water and treatment licenses, laying the foundation for a steadily advancing career.

Bill currently holds his W4 and T3 licenses, and is one of the youngest license holders in the State of New Jersey. He currently serves as the licensed operator for Ridgewood Water and has spent four years as Assistant Superintendent and the past five years as Superintendent, prior to his recent promotion to **Deputy Director**.



Bill’s career progression is a testament to his dedication, professionalism and commitment to public service. His experience, institutional knowledge and strong working relationships with staff are invaluable assets to Ridgewood Water. Congratulations to Bill on this well-earned promotion.

## Lead Service Line Replacements Continue

Weather permitting, lead service lines are being replaced on another 14 streets in Ridgewood as part of Ridgewood Water’s Lead Service Line Replacement Program. To date, **500 property owners** across Glen Rock, Midland Park, Ridgewood and Wyckoff have signed up for the program. Homeowners on the list will be contacted directly by the contractor to schedule a pre-inspection and replacement. For more information about the LSLR program, visit [leadreplacement.ridgewoodnj.net](http://leadreplacement.ridgewoodnj.net).

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## We're Getting the Lead Out!

Ridgewood Water's contractor is hard at work getting the lead out. Two to three crews are each performing three to four lead service line replacements per day in Ridgewood. The first round of replacements - a total of **500 service lines** - will be completed by the end of this summer.

If you would like to sign up for the second round of lead service line replacements, scheduled for 2026-2027, please visit [leadreplacement.ridgewoodnj.net](http://leadreplacement.ridgewoodnj.net).

Ridgewood Water is well ahead of schedule in meeting New Jersey's legislative mandate to remove all lead service lines across our four-town service area by July 2031.



## PFAS Treatment Facility Update



Ridgewood Water's contractor is currently constructing the underground backwash holding tank at the **Eastside PFAS Treatment Facility** in Ridgewood. The next phase of work will include building the foundation and installing piping in preparation for the installation of the granular activated carbon vessels, which will remove PFAS from the water supply.

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## Water Conservation Reminder

New Jersey remains under a **drought warning** due to modest precipitation. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection requests residents to continue to use water wisely.

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## Latest Quarterly PFAS Public Notice

All Ridgewood Water customers will be receiving our **2025 Fourth Quarter PFAS Public Notice** this week.

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Ridgewood Water has taken a proactive approach to addressing PFAS:

- In January 2019, Ridgewood Water commissioned a PFAS Treatment Master Plan study.
- The first PFAS Treatment Facility became operational in September 2019.
- The second facility went online in August 2022.
- The third facility became operational in October 2025.
- Three additional facilities are scheduled to come online this quarter.
- Another five are under construction and are on track to be completed by the end of 2026.
- The notice to proceed for construction of the 12th and final facility was issued last month.

While construction continues, we are working to deliver water with the lowest possible PFAS levels. To supplement our system, we are purchasing additional supply from Veolia Water, Hawthorne Water and the Passaic Valley Water Commission, all of which are compliant with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection PFAS regulations.

Please conserve water. Conservation allows us to deliver water with lower levels of PFAS.

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

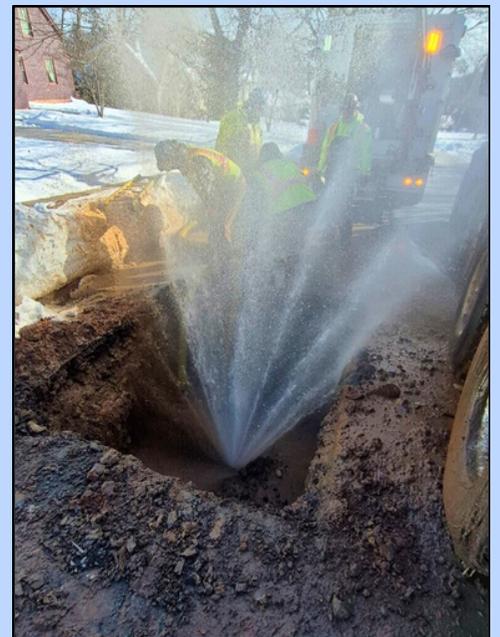


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## Extreme Cold = More Water Main Breaks

Water main breaks tend to increase during periods of extreme cold, and the reason is simple: freezing temperatures put added stress on underground infrastructure. When groundwater freezes, it expands, doubling the pressure on buried pipes from roughly 400 to 800 pounds per square inch. At the same time, cold temperatures can cause the surface of the pipes to become brittle. When water mains freeze and then thaw, it creates the perfect conditions for cracks and breaks to occur. Please be assured that **Ridgewood Water crews are on call 24/7**, responding quickly and working in challenging conditions to restore service safely and as efficiently as possible. We extend our sincere thanks to the team for their dedication and hard work this past week!



## Working Together to Get the Lead Out

Despite the frigid temperatures, Ridgewood Water's contractor has been hard at work replacing lead service lines in our communities. Barring unforeseen circumstances, **crews will be on the following streets in Ridgewood next week**: Ackerman Avenue, Arden Court, Avondale Road, Carlton Terrace, Cedar Avenue, Clinton Avenue, Doremus Avenue, Evergreen Place, Fairfield Avenue, Farview Street, Greenway Road, Heights Road, Highland Avenue, Hillcrest Road, Hillside Place, Hope Street, John Street, Libby Avenue, Madison Place, Maynard Court, Monte Vista Avenue, Morningside Road, S. Irving Street, Spencer Place, Spring Avenue, Sunset Avenue and Waiku Road.



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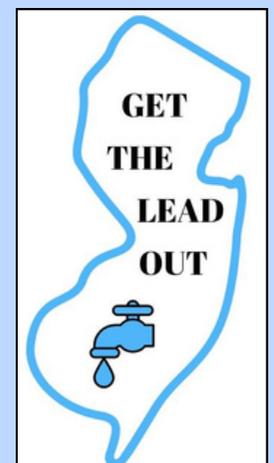
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## More than \$1.5 Million in Funding Secured

U.S. Senators Cory Booker and Andy Kim, working with members of New Jersey's congressional delegation, secured \$123.2 million in federal funding for 133 projects in municipalities across the state for Fiscal Year 2026. **The Village of Ridgewood will receive \$1,535,000 to support lead remediation efforts.** "We were thrilled to receive this news yesterday," said Richard Calbi, director of Ridgewood Water. "As you know, all public water systems in New Jersey are required to replace all lead and galvanized service lines in the communities they serve by 2031. These funds will help offset the cost of replacing lead service lines throughout our four-town service area - Glen Rock, Midland Park, Ridgewood and Wyckoff."

## Next Week's LSLR Schedule

Barring unforeseen circumstances, Ridgewood Water's contractor will continue **lead service line replacements in Ridgewood** next week on the following streets: Ackerman Avenue, Beverly Road, Doremus Avenue, Edwards Street, Fairfield Avenue, Fairmount Road, Frederick Street, Gordon Road, Highwood Avenue, S. Irving Street, Libby Avenue, Marshall Street, Overbrook Road, Pearsall Avenue, Somerville Road, Southern Parkway, Spring Avenue, Stevens Avenue, Union Street and Wyndemere Avenue. *Please note: Work will not take place on Monday, February 16 in observance of Presidents Day.*



## Closed on Presidents Day

In observance of Presidents Day, Ridgewood Water offices will be **closed on Monday, February 16**. Please note that our water system operators are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week and remain available for water-related emergencies. If you experience a water emergency, please call **201-670-5520, extension 8**.

## The Many Benefits of Snow

Snow acts as an insulating blanket, trapping heat in the soil and helping maintain a more consistent temperature for dormant plants throughout the winter. As it melts, snow gradually releases water into the ground, replenishing soil moisture and supplying a steady source of hydration for plants as they begin to grow in the spring. Snow has long been referred to as "a poor man's fertilizer," as it also delivers small amounts of nitrogen and other nutrients that enrich the soil during the melt process.



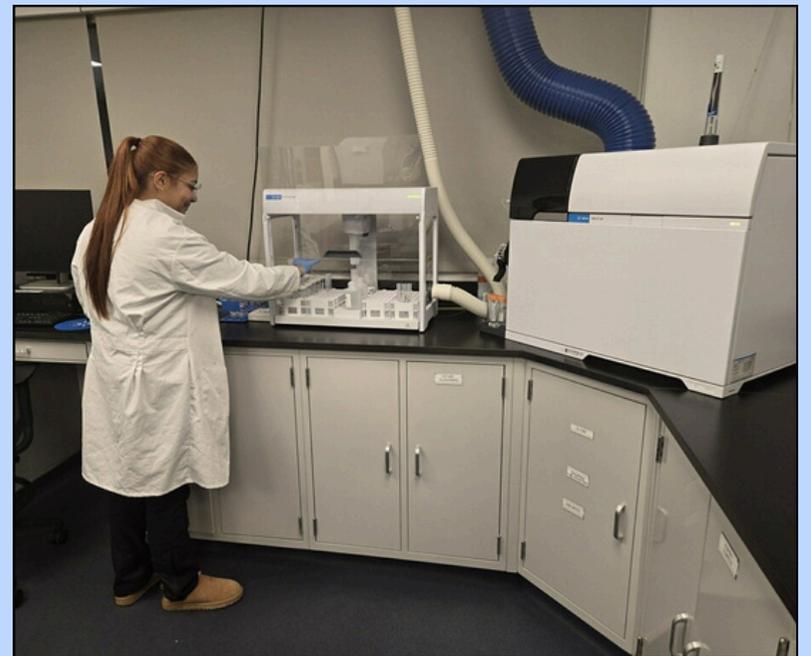
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## Advanced Water Testing Now In-House

Ridgewood Water has purchased and installed a new piece of lab equipment called an ICP-MS (Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer). It uses an extremely hot plasma to break water samples into charged particles, which are then measured by mass to **detect trace-level metals with exceptional precision.**

Once certified by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Ridgewood Water will be able to perform in-house testing of drinking water samples for metals such as lead, copper and arsenic. Bringing this capability in-house will enhance efficiency, reduce costs and - most importantly - allow for faster turnaround times to help ensure the continued safety and quality of our drinking water.



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## Every Drop Counts - Even in Winter

Water conservation is typically associated with summer lawn watering, but responsible water use is just as important during the winter months. **Here's what you can do year-round:**

- **Fix leaks promptly.** A dripping faucet or running toilet can waste thousands of gallons a year.
- **Shorten shower time.** Reducing shower length by just two minutes can save hundreds of gallons per month.
- **Use appliances wisely.** Only run washing machines and dishwashers when completely full.
- **Turn off the faucet when brushing your teeth.**

