

# 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).



## 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](https://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.

By the end of 2026, 11 of Ridgewood Water's 12 new PFAS Treatment Facilities will be fully operational, reducing all regulated PFAS compounds in our treated water to **undetectable levels** - surpassing the EPA standard of 4 parts per trillion. The final facility is expected to come online in the first quarter of 2027 due to a NJDEP-required archaeological study. Once completed, this system-wide project will achieve full compliance four years ahead of the EPA's 2031 deadline.

## 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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February 6, 2026

## 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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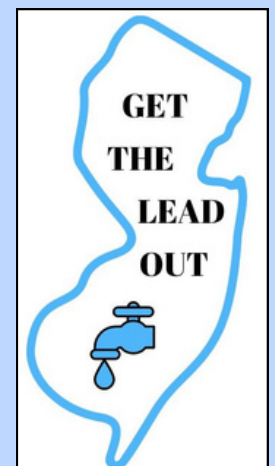
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## More than \$1.5 Million in Funding Secured

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.



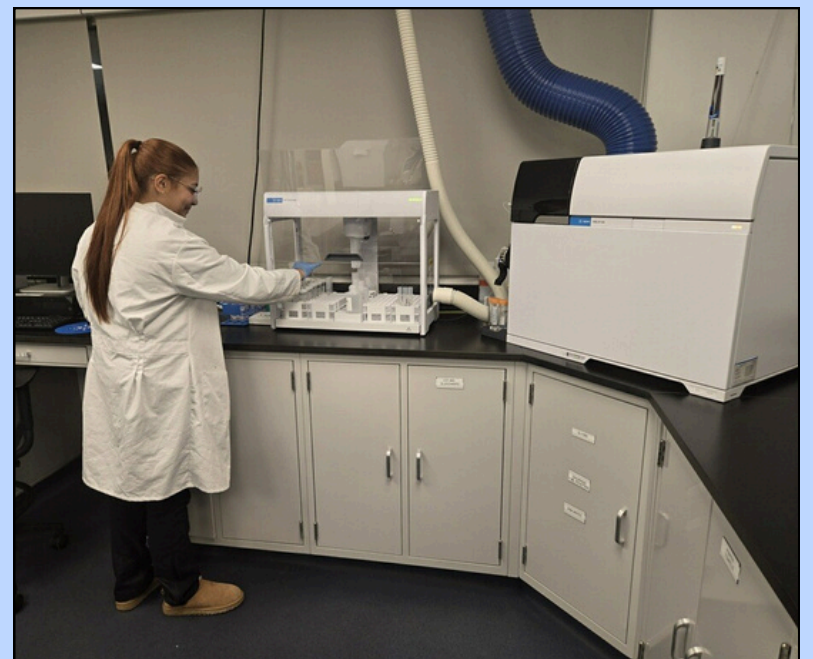
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## Advanced Water Testing Now In-House

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.



## 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: 1st Street, Ackerman Avenue, Barrington Road, Corona Place, Heights Road, Jackson Terrace, Maynard Court, N. Pleasant Avenue, N. Van Dien Avenue, N. Walnut Street, Northern Parkway, Oak Street, Phelps Road, Shelton Road, Sherwood Road, Spring Street, Steilen Avenue, Valley View Avenue, Van Buren Street and Walthery Avenue.

## 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.**



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February 27, 2026

## Statewide Drought Warning Still in Effect

Despite the recent snowstorms, New Jersey remains under a statewide drought warning. Sustained, above-average rainfall is needed to ease the current water supply stresses, according to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. **Residents are encouraged to continue following water conservation practices and to use water responsibly.**

## 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, Christopher Place, Carlton Terrace, E. Ridgewood Avenue, Hillside Place, Lakeview Drive, Knollwood Road, Meadowbrook Avenue, Melrose Place, N. Irving Street, N. Monroe Street, N. Pleasant Avenue, N. Van Dien Avenue, N. Walnut Street, Walthery Avenue, Northern Parkway, Oak Street, Pomander Walk, Spencer Place, Somerville Road, Spring Street, Wildwood Road and Windsor Terrace.



## 4-Town Roundtable Set for Next Month

At least three times a year, representatives from the leadership teams of Glen Rock, Midland Park, Ridgewood and Wyckoff convene at Ridgewood Water headquarters to collaborate on the shared challenges involved in operating and maintaining our regional public water system. These meetings provide an important forum to exchange ideas and information, review regulatory requirements, and discuss ongoing infrastructure, treatment and service initiatives that impact the communities we serve. **The next meeting will take place on Thursday, March 26, 2026.**

## Winter Prep for Spring and Summer Savings

Late winter is an ideal time to adopt water conservation practices that will pay off during the high-demand spring and summer months.

- Install rain barrels now to capture early spring rainfall.
- Add compost to garden beds to improve soil moisture retention.
- Check outdoor faucets and hose bibs for freeze damage or leaks.
- Research native and low-water landscaping options.
- Inspect sprinkler heads and irrigation lines before spring startup.
- Upgrade to a smart irrigation controller to prevent overwatering.



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March 6, 2026

## We're Getting the Lead Out in Glen Rock

Ridgewood Water's contractor will begin work in **Glen Rock** next week to replace lead service lines on the following streets: Abington Terrace, Ashton Place, Emerson Road, Fairview Avenue, Ferndale Avenue, Gramercy Place and Harding Road.

Lead service line replacements will also continue in **Ridgewood** on the following streets: Ackerman Avenue, Barrington Road, Beverly Road, Corona Place, Dayton Street, First Street, Franklin Avenue, Heights Road, Hillcrest Road, Linden Street, Morningside Road, N. Pleasant Avenue, Oak Street, Overbrook Road, Phelps Road, Shelton Road, Sherwood Road, Sterling Place and Van Buren Street.

**Please note that the construction schedule is subject to change.**



## Work Moves Forward in Wyckoff

Work supporting the construction of the Cedar Hill PFAS Treatment Facility in Wyckoff is moving forward. Sanitary sewer system improvements will soon take place along Cedar Hill Avenue, Cottage Road and Glendale Road. **Construction is expected to begin on or about March 16, weather permitting, on Glendale Road between Manchester Way and Caldwell Drive.**

Work in these areas is expected to take approximately six to eight weeks to complete. During construction, street parking will be restricted in the active work zones. Typical work hours will be Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, with possible extended hours as needed depending on weather conditions.

We appreciate your patience as we undertake these essential improvements. When the Cedar Hill PFAS Treatment Facility becomes operational in spring of 2027, it will be able to treat up to **3.6 million gallons of water a day.**

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March 20, 2026

## West End PFAS Treatment Facility Now Online

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The final facility is anticipated to be fully operational early next year due to a NJDEP-required archaeological study. Once complete, this systemwide project will bring Ridgewood Water into full compliance **four years ahead of the EPA's 2031 deadline**.



## Lead Service Line Work Continues Next Week

Ridgewood Water's contractor will be focusing more heavily on lead service line replacement work in **Glen Rock** next week. The following streets are currently on the schedule: Bergen Street, Berkeley Place, Boulevard, Bradford Street, Central Avenue, Cumberland Road, Dean Street, Elizabeth Street, Emerson Road, Grandview Avenue, Henry Street, Kenmore Place, Norwood Avenue, Rodney Street, Roxbury Place, S. Highwood Avenue, Valley Road and Van Allen Road.

Lead service line replacements will also continue in **Ridgewood** on Carlton Terrace, Cottage Place, Fairfield Avenue, Kemah Road, Orchard Place, Valley View Avenue and Waiku Road.

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## Set It Right: Two-Day Watering Matters

When scheduling your sprinkler system start-up, please remind your irrigation contractor to set your system in accordance with the two-day watering schedule - **odd-numbered addresses on Tuesday and Saturday, even-numbered addresses on Wednesday and Sunday, 3:00 am to 7:00 am**.

Following the schedule will help manage demand and support the long-term sustainability of our water supply.

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March 30, 2026

## Ravine PFAS Treatment Facility Now Online

Ridgewood Water is pleased to announce that the Ravine PFAS Treatment Facility on Goffle Road in Ridgewood is now fully operational. Housed within the building pictured are two granular activated carbon vessels with the capacity to treat up to **720,000 gallons of water per day**.

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## Water Wisely This Summer

Water use often triples in the summer due to lawn watering. That is why we are asking customers to **follow the two-day watering schedule** and **reduce outdoor water use by 20% this summer**.

### Why Watering Wisely Matters

- Better Water Quality. Some of our wells still have elevated levels of PFAS. Using water wisely helps reduce demand on those wells and supports better overall water quality.
- Healthier Lawns and Landscapes. Overwatering can lead to shallow root systems and attract invasive pests, making lawns more vulnerable during droughts and dry spells. Watering wisely helps strengthen your landscape while protecting our shared water supply.

### How to Be Water Wise

- Reduce watering time by 20%. A simple way to conserve water is to cut your sprinkler run time by 20%. For example, if you typically water for 20 minutes, reduce it to 16 minutes. If your lawn continues to look healthy, consider cutting back even further.
- Sign up for WaterSmart, a free service that helps you track your water use and build a plan to reduce it by 20%.