

# Ridgewood Water Weekly

April 10, 2026

## PFAS Treatment Milestone Reached!

With the activation of the East Ridgewood PFAS Treatment Facility (pictured) this past week, six of Ridgewood Water's 12 PFAS Treatment Facilities are now fully operational.

By the end of 2026, 11 of the 12 PFAS Treatment Facilities are scheduled to be online, reducing all regulated PFAS compounds in treated water to **undetectable levels** - surpassing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standard of 4 parts per trillion.

The final facility is expected to be fully operational in April of 2027. Once complete, this \$150 million systemwide project will bring Ridgewood Water into full compliance **four years ahead of the EPA's 2031 deadline**.



## Statewide Drought Warning Still in Effect

New Jersey remains under a **Drought Warning**, as recent rainfall has been uneven across the state. While southern regions saw substantial precipitation this past week, much of northern New Jersey received little relief, according to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Consistent, statewide rainfall is still needed to improve water supply conditions. As the growing season begins, residents are strongly encouraged to use water wisely and conserve whenever possible.

## Lead Service Line Replacements Continue

Ridgewood Water's contractor will be working in **Midland Park** next week to replace lead service lines on the following streets: Aqueduct Road, Brandon Road, Cottage Place, Cross Avenue, Glen Avenue, Godwin Avenue, Highwood Avenue, Hill Street, Pierce Avenue, Pleasant Avenue, Prospect Street, Rubble Street, Sicomac Avenue and Summit Avenue.

Lead service line replacements will also continue in **Ridgewood** on Godwin Avenue and Highland Avenue.

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

For more information about our Lead Service Line Replacement program, call 201-670-5520 or email [cswater@ridgewoodnj.net](mailto:cswater@ridgewoodnj.net).



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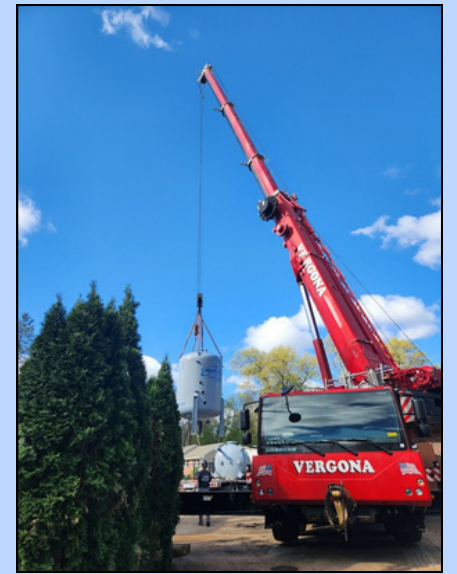
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## Progress at Mountain PFAS Treatment Facility

Two granular activated carbon vessels were delivered to the Mountain PFAS Treatment Facility in Wyckoff today. When fully operational by the end of 2026, this facility will have the capacity to treat up to **360,000 gallons of water per day**.

By the end of this year, 11 of the 12 PFAS Treatment Facilities are scheduled to be online, reducing all regulated PFAS compounds in treated water to **undetectable levels** - surpassing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standard of 4 parts per trillion.

The final facility is expected to be fully operational in April of 2027. Once complete, this \$150 million systemwide project will bring Ridgewood Water into full compliance **four years ahead of the EPA's 2031 deadline**.



## Advocating for Water on Capitol Hill

Richard Calbi, director of Ridgewood Water, participated this week in the American Water Works Association "D.C. Fly-In," joining water professionals from across the country in Washington, D.C.

As part of the New Jersey delegation, participants met with **10 members of the state's congressional delegation** to discuss critical issues impacting the water industry, including PFAS, infrastructure funding, customer affordability and cybersecurity.

The annual event brings together water leaders nationwide to engage directly with federal policymakers, helping to inform decisions that affect drinking water systems and the communities they serve.



## Sign Up for WaterSmart

It's FREE, and gives you access to **detailed information about your water usage**, including where and when you are using the most water. The program also allows you to create a plan to use 20 percent less water, receive notifications about possible leaks, pay your bill safely and securely, and more. **Sign up at [ridgewoodnj.watersmart.com](http://ridgewoodnj.watersmart.com)**.



# Ridgewood Water Weekly

April 24, 2026

## Latest Quarterly PFAS Public Notice

All Ridgewood Water customers will be receiving our **2026 First Quarter PFAS Public Notice** this week.

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 April 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.

Ridgewood Water has taken a proactive approach to addressing PFAS:

- In January 2019, Ridgewood Water commissioned a PFAS Treatment Master Plan study.
- Since that time, six of the 12 new PFAS Treatment Facilities have become active.
- Another five are under construction and on track to be completed by the end of 2026.
- The 12th and final facility is under construction and is expected to be operational in April of 2027.

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).

## Statewide Drought Warning Remains in Effect

Continued dry weather in April is further straining water supply indicators across the state, according to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Consistent, above-average rainfall statewide is necessary to improve water supply conditions. As a result, New Jersey remains under a Drought Warning. **With the growing season now underway, residents are strongly encouraged to use water wisely and conserve whenever possible.**

# Ridgewood Water Weekly

May 1, 2026

## Earth Day Celebration

Ridgewood Water was proud to participate in Ridgewood's annual Earth Day Fair this past Sunday. Our team spoke with participants about water conservation, smart irrigation controllers, native plantings, the current state drought warning, leak detection, water meters and more. We also gave away old-school shower timers! **Want to see if you can take a shower in five minutes or less?** Stop by Ridgewood Water at 111 North Maple Avenue and pick one up the next time you're in the neighborhood.



## What Is a Smart Irrigation Controller?

A smart irrigation controller automatically manages when and how much your sprinkler system waters your lawn or garden. Using weather data, soil type, property slope and other factors, it tailors irrigation to actual conditions instead of relying on preset schedules.

**By watering only when necessary - and in the right amounts - smart controllers can significantly reduce water waste and help lower your water bill.**

Ridgewood Water customers who use a smart controller must apply for an exemption from the two-day lawn watering schedule and recertify that exemption each year.

For details, contact Customer Service at [cswater@ridgewoodnj.net](mailto:cswater@ridgewoodnj.net) or 201-670-5520.

## More Than 60% of U.S. Affected by Drought

The U.S. is experiencing one of its most widespread and intense droughts in decades, with more than 60 percent of the country affected. Because drought conditions typically peak in summer - not spring - there is growing concern about potential water shortages and wildfires.

In New Jersey, recent weekend rain provided a needed break from the dry weather pattern. However, consistent, above-average rainfall across the state is still necessary to improve water supply conditions, according to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. As a result, **New Jersey remains under a Drought Warning.** With the growing season underway, residents are strongly encouraged to use water wisely and conserve whenever possible.

# Ridgewood Water Weekly

May 8, 2026

## It's Drinking Water Week

Most of the work that keeps drinking water safe happens quietly in the background – operating treatment systems; collecting and analyzing samples; maintaining pipes, pumps and equipment; and planning critical upgrades and improvements. **It's steady, everyday work that helps ensure high-quality, reliable drinking water is there whenever you turn on the tap.**

We thank the dedicated Ridgewood Water team members whose work supports homes, schools, businesses and essential community services across the four towns we serve.



## Drought Tip: Wait to Water!

New Jersey remains under a **Drought Warning**, making this a good time to “let your lawn sleep” and postpone grass seeding until wetter conditions return. Planting too soon can waste both water and seed. Waiting for better conditions gives new grass a stronger chance to take root while helping conserve water when it matters most.

## Capture the Rain: Every Drop Counts

Rain barrels are an effective, eco-friendly way to conserve water by capturing and storing rainwater from your roof that would otherwise flow into storm drains.

This collected water can be used to water flowers, shrubs and vegetable gardens. The result?

- Saving money on your water bill
- Reducing demand on the water system
- Supporting an adequate water supply for firefighting
- Lessening stormwater runoff and soil erosion.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, a rain barrel can save most homeowners about **1,300 gallons of water** during the peak summer months.



# Ridgewood Water Weekly

May 15, 2026

## Conserve Today. Preserve Tomorrow.

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. **Please speak with your irrigation company to ensure that your sprinklers are programmed to follow this schedule.** We also recommend learning how to operate the system yourself, since your irrigation company may not always be immediately available.

By reducing unnecessary lawn watering, we can help manage demand on the water system and protect our water supply during continued drought conditions across New Jersey. Thank you for doing your part to conserve water now and throughout the summer.

### TWO-DAY LAWN WATERING SCHEDULE

**Wednesday & Sunday**  
Even Addresses

**Monday & Friday**  
Municipal Properties

**Tuesday & Saturday**  
Odd Addresses

**Thursday**  
No Lawn Watering

### AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

Watering Allowed Between  
3:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on Designated Days

## Report Hydrant 'Robbery'!

Spring construction and road work projects are in full swing. As crews work throughout our service area, we would like to remind residents that **only Ridgewood Water and local fire departments are authorized to operate fire hydrants** unless a permit has been issued by Ridgewood Water. Unauthorized hydrant use (by a contractor or utility, for example) can cause discolored water and may even create a risk of cross-contamination within the distribution system. If you witness a hydrant "robbery" taking place, please report it immediately to Ridgewood Water Customer Service at 201-670-5520 or [cswater@ridgewoodnj.net](mailto:cswater@ridgewoodnj.net).

# Ridgewood Water Weekly

May 22, 2026

## PFAS Treatment Facility Progress

Two granular activated carbon vessels were recently delivered to the Main PFAS Treatment Facility in Glen Rock. When fully operational by the end of 2026, this facility will have the capacity to treat up to **360,000 gallons of water per day**.

By year-end, 11 of Ridgewood Water's 12 PFAS Treatment Facilities are scheduled to be online, reducing all regulated PFAS compounds in treated water to undetectable levels, surpassing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standard of 4 parts per trillion.

The final facility is expected to be operational in April 2027. Once complete, this \$150 million systemwide project will bring Ridgewood Water into full compliance four years ahead of the EPA's 2031 deadline.



## New Jersey PFAS Partnership Underway



Ridgewood Water is proud to play a leading role in a new initiative from New Jersey Institute of Technology - the **New Jersey PFAS Partnership Innovation Consortium** (NJ PFAS-PIC).

"The mission of the consortium is to establish a collaborative ecosystem that develops, validates and scales innovative technologies for PFAS detection, remediation and material substitution, ensuring economic growth and public health safety for New Jersey," said Richard Calbi (second from right), director of Ridgewood Water and a member of the board of directors for NJ PFAS-PIC.

## Ridgewood Water Closed on Memorial Day

In observance of Memorial Day, Ridgewood Water offices will be **closed on Monday, May 25**. 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.

# Ridgewood Water Weekly

June 5, 2026

## Ridgewood Water Hosts BPU Commissioners



Ridgewood Water recently hosted New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) Commissioners Joseph Coviello and Emma Reborn for the **Drinking Water Coalition of New Jersey's Breakfast Briefing**.

The event brought together elected officials from municipalities served by Ridgewood Water, legislative staff from New Jersey's 40th Legislative District and utility leaders from across the state, including representatives from Brick, Essex Fells, Livingston, Newark and New Brunswick.

Ridgewood Mayor Paul Vagianos participated in a panel discussion with the commissioners, who talked about their priorities, proposed legislation and conservation initiatives. The program concluded with an engaging question-and-answer session followed by a tour of the Carr PFAS Treatment Facility led by Ridgewood Water Director Rich Calbi. The tour provided attendees with an opportunity to learn more about the infrastructure and operations that support water service throughout Glen Rock, Midland Park, Ridgewood and Wyckoff.

## Statewide Drought Warning Remains in Effect

Despite the wet weather over Memorial Day weekend, broader water supply indicators remain significantly below normal. As a result, New Jersey remains under a **Drought Warning**. Conserving water, especially outdoors, is one of the most effective ways homeowners can help protect the water supply through the summer months. Please continue to **follow the two-day watering schedule** and use water wisely!

# Ridgewood Water Weekly

June 12, 2026

## Advocating for Water in Trenton

On Thursday, June 11, Ridgewood Water Director Richard Calbi joined senior leadership from the American Water Works Association New Jersey Section and members of its Water Utility Council at the **New Jersey State House** to meet with legislators from across the state and discuss issues impacting New Jersey's water systems.

Topics included customer affordability, infrastructure funding, water security and more.

Director Calbi (far left) is pictured with colleagues representing several of New Jersey's largest water utilities, along with District 40 Assemblyman Al Barlas (second from left). Photo: Alissa Vanim



## Irrigation Enforcement Underway

To help ensure compliance with the two-day watering schedule, Ridgewood Water employees are conducting periodic late-night and early-morning observations of automatic irrigation systems in Glen Rock, Midland Park, Ridgewood and Wyckoff.

Properties observed watering on days not assigned to their address will receive up to two warnings. If additional violations occur after those warnings, a ticket will be issued.

Please know that our goal is not to issue tickets. We would much rather see customers voluntarily **follow the two-day watering schedule**, which helps to protect our water supply and support reliable service for all customers during these ongoing dry conditions.

We appreciate your partnership in this effort.

**Schedule Reminder:** Even-numbered addresses may water on Wednesdays and Sundays, odd-numbered addresses on Tuesdays and Saturdays. No watering on Monday, Thursday or Friday.

## Ridgewood Water Offices Closed on June 19

In observance of the federal holiday Juneteenth, Ridgewood Water offices will be **closed on Friday, June 19**. Please note that our water system operators are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you experience a water emergency, **please call 201-670-5520, extension 8**.

# Ridgewood Water Weekly

June 18, 2026

## 7th PFAS Treatment Facility Now Online

Ridgewood Water is pleased to announce that the **Ames PFAS Treatment Facility in Wyckoff** - one of our four largest treatment facilities - is operational. The facility is currently treating water from two of seven wells, with the remaining wells scheduled to be brought online over the coming weeks.

Located inside the residential-style building pictured are six granular activated carbon vessels capable of treating up to **2.16 million gallons of water per day**.

By the end of 2026, 11 of Ridgewood Water's 12 new PFAS Treatment Facilities are expected to be online, reducing all regulated PFAS compounds in treated water to **undetectable levels** - surpassing the EPA standard of 4 parts per trillion. The final facility is anticipated to be fully operational early next year. Once complete, this systemwide project will bring Ridgewood Water into full compliance four years ahead of the EPA's 2031 deadline.



## West Glen Pump Station Running Smoothly



The new pump station on West Glen Avenue in Ridgewood has been operating successfully for the past three weeks.

Known as a "booster" station, it was constructed to improve water pressure and reliability in a low-pressure area by pumping water uphill into Midland Park.

The station is an important infrastructure investment that enhances system performance and helps ensure a consistent water supply for customers in the affected service area.

## Ridgewood Water Offices Closed on Friday

In observance of the federal holiday Juneteenth, Ridgewood Water offices will be **closed on Friday, June 19**. 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.

# Ridgewood Water Weekly

June 26, 2026

## 2026 Water Quality Report Now Available

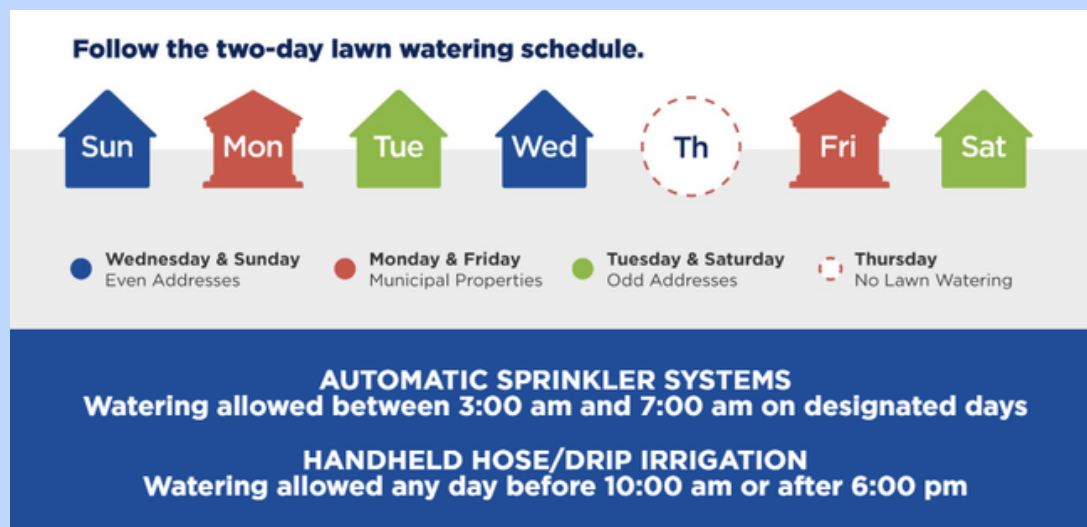
Ridgewood Water's **2026 Water Quality Report** can be viewed on our website (<https://water.ridgewoodnj.net/waterreport>) and by scanning the QR code. The report summarizes more than 10,000 tests covering dozens of potential contaminants including lead, volatile organic compounds, disinfection products 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). Printouts of the report are available at Ridgewood Water, 111 North Maple Avenue, Ridgewood.



## Drought Warning Remains in Effect

While recent intermittent rain events have provided some relief, they have not been frequent or substantial enough to eliminate ongoing concerns about the state's water supply.

**Follow the two-day lawn watering schedule.**



**Sun** **Mon** **Tue** **Wed** **Th** **Fri** **Sat**

● **Wednesday & Sunday**  
Even Addresses

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Municipal Properties

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Odd Addresses

□ **Thursday**  
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

"Conserving water, particularly for outdoor water use, is an achievable but essential tool to ensuring a consistent water supply through the rest of the summer. With the ongoing Drought Warning, New Jerseyans are urged to use water wisely," advises the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Please ensure your irrigation system is in compliance with the two-day watering schedule.

## Ridgewood Water Offices Closed on July 3

In observance of the Independence Day holiday, Ridgewood Water offices will be **closed on Friday, July 3.**

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.

