

# 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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April 17, 2026

## 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.

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## 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 Rebhorn 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!