Ridgewood Water Weekly

October 2, 2026

Hydrant Flushing Starts Soon



As part of Ridgewood Water's annual preventive maintenance program, utility crews will soon begin flushing all **1,767 hydrants** in our four-town service area.

Hydrant flushing will take place from **9:00 pm to 4:30 am** from **October 11 through 16** (Sunday night through Friday morning) and **October 18 through 22** (Sunday night through Thursday morning).

During flushing, customers may experience temporary low water pressure or water discoloration. Discoloration is caused by mineral deposits dislodged during the flushing process and is not a health or safety concern. If you experience discolored water, run cold water from the lowest tub or sink in your home for a few minutes until the water clears before doing laundry or running the dishwasher. Customers with home filtration systems are also encouraged to bypass them during flushing, as mineral deposits may accumulate in the filter.

Stay tuned for more details!

Wyckoff Leaders Tour Treatment Facilities



Members of the Wyckoff Township Committee recently joined Ridgewood Water for a tour of the **Ames and Cedar Hill PFAS Treatment Facilities**. The visit offered a firsthand look at the advanced treatment technology Ridgewood Water is using to remove PFAS from drinking water and the significant investments being made to strengthen water quality and reliability in the communities we serve.

We appreciate the Township Committee taking the time to learn more about this important work.

Statewide Drought Warning Lifted

Thanks to abundant rainfall over the summer and early fall, **New Jersey has lifted the statewide drought warning** that had been in effect since December 5, 2025. All of the state's drought regions will return to normal conditions except the Coastal South region, which is being moved from drought warning to drought watch status.

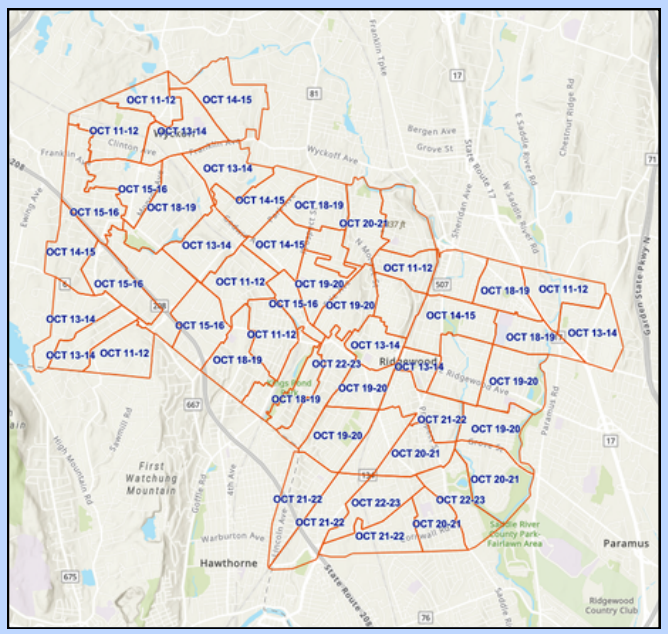
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Hydrant Flushing Continues This Week

As part of Ridgewood Water's annual preventive maintenance program, utility crews began flushing all **1,767 hydrants** in our four-town service area last week.



Hydrant flushing will continue this week, **October 18 through 23** (Sunday night through Friday morning), **9:00 pm to 4:30 am**.

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You can find the estimated schedule of flushing routes on the interactive map (shown above) on our website: water.ridgewoodnj.net.

Did You Schedule Your Blowout?



Winter may not be on your radar just yet, but now is the time to prepare your sprinkler system for the colder months.

If you haven't already done so, **schedule your sprinkler system winterization** (also known as a "blowout"). Water left in pipes and valves can freeze when temperatures drop below 32 degrees, potentially causing cracks, leaks, costly repairs and higher water bills.

A little preparation now can save you a big headache later!

Quarterly PFAS Notice

Check your mail for the latest quarterly PFAS notice from Ridgewood Water. One significant takeaway from the notice is that **remediation of the Irving Water Treatment Plant is complete**, with PFAS levels remaining below the maximum contaminant level for four consecutive quarters of monitoring.

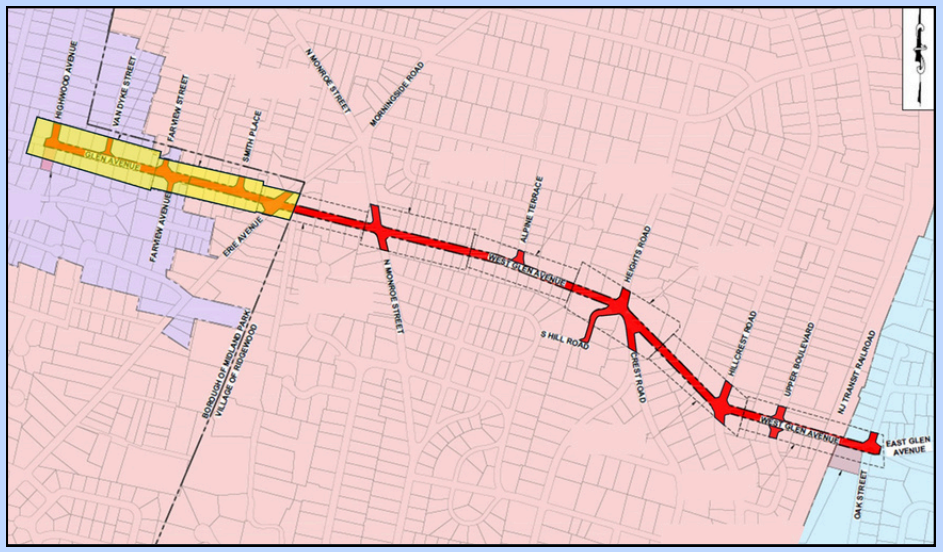
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Glen Avenue Work Continues This Week

Montana Construction returned to Glen Avenue in Midland Park this week to continue work on the water main replacement project.



Preliminary excavation work is expected to continue through early November, followed by more extensive excavation throughout the winter to replace the water main. Please note that the schedule is subject to change based on construction progress, weather and other unforeseen conditions.

Work in Midland Park will be concentrated between Highwood Avenue and Erie Avenue. Police officers will be on site to assist with traffic control and detours. Please plan ahead and allow extra travel time, as delays are expected.

We appreciate your patience as Ridgewood Water undertakes this important infrastructure improvement project.



Keep Storm Drains Clear

Fall foliage is beautiful, but fallen leaves can create problems when they accumulate around storm drains. During heavy rain, leaves and other debris can clog drains, preventing rainwater from flowing freely and contributing to street flooding.

As you clean up your yard this fall, be mindful of where those leaves end up. **Never rake or blow leaves into the street or onto storm drains.**

A little extra care during fall cleanup can make a big difference during fall storms.

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Ridgewood Water Director in the Spotlight

Congratulations to Richard Calbi, director of Ridgewood Water, who is featured on the cover of the New Jersey Institute of Technology's Fall 2026 alumni magazine!



The article highlights Calbi's vision and leadership in rebuilding Ridgewood Water's entire treatment system to address PFAS contamination in the water supply serving 61,000 customers. It also explores Ridgewood Water's ongoing efforts to optimize the system and improve efficiency.

Congratulations, Rich, on this well-deserved recognition! Read the full article at **https://magazine.njit.edu/**



Road Work in Ridgewood

Ridgewood Water's contractor will be performing milling and paving work on **East Glen Avenue in Ridgewood** next week as part of the construction of the new Eastside PFAS Treatment Facility. The project includes connecting water lines from the East Saddle River and Salem wells to the new facility.

Work is scheduled for **November 5 and 6**, coinciding with the NJEA Convention, when Ridgewood Public Schools are closed, to minimize disruptions to students and families.

Note: The schedule is weather-dependent and subject to change.

Finishing Touches Are Done!

Thank you to the Ridgewood Art Institute for their patience during construction of Ridgewood Water's new pump station in the public right-of-way in front of their property. The "booster" station, which became operational in June, was built to **improve water pressure and reliability** in higher-elevation areas of Midland Park and Ridgewood. Landscaping around the project is now complete. We look forward to seeing the new plantings grow and fill in!



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