

PLAY YOUR PART... BE WATER SMART

Conservation is Key

uring the warm weather months, outdoor water consumption increases dramatically. Whether it's watering lawns, landscapes or gardens, you can have a lot of control over the amount of water you use at home — and how much you can save.

Together, we can develop good habits and sustainable practices to conserve our most precious natural resource now and into the future.

Conserving Water When Watering

- Repair leaks in hoses and install a water-saving shut-off nozzle
- Before watering, check the weather forecast; periods of cool, cloudy weather reduce the need for watering, and it's best to avoid watering on windy days.
- Test each irrigation zone for leaks and adjust system to ensure watering area
- Ensure rain sensors are working properly and use an automatic timer

Nassau County Sprinkler Ordinance

- No Watering between 6am and 6pm.
- If you live at an EVEN-numbered address then you can water on EVEN-numbered calendar dates.
- If you live at an ODD-numbered address then you can water on ODD-numbered calendar dates.
- If you don't have a numbered address then you can water on EVEN-numbered calendar dates.

For Landscapes and Gardens

- Choose ground covers that require less watering
- Install a spring-loaded shutoff nozzle on each garden hose.
- Start a compost pile and add it to your garden. Mix in some wood chips or peat moss to boost water retention.
- Keep the length of your lawn approximately two inches long to help reduce evaporation and use less water.
- Leave grass clippings on the lawn to retain water and to help the grass grow thicker.
- Choose water-saving containers with low water use in mind. They look great and your plants will require infrequent watering.
- Add mulch to cover bare soil to slow water evaporation.
- Water in-ground plantings in the morning and containers in the afternoon.

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Dear Community Residents,

With the new and emerging contaminants at the forefront of our minds, the Garden City Park Water District is taking proactive measures in updating its plants to meet or exceed all federal, state and local standards. Our team of expert employees continue to do a phenomenal job in implementing these new methods and staying on top of best practices to ensure the safety and quality of our water supply.

I'm happy to share some of our recently completed projects on this page. Of the work featured here, \$8 million was funded through grants! By seeking grants and outside funding, the District is able to complete some of its work with minimal impact to the rates of its customers.

I hope you are all enjoying the cooler temperatures and looking forward to the upcoming fall season.



WE NEED YOUR HELP: LEAD AND COPPER LINE INVENTORY CONTINUES

The District is conducting an inventory of our service lines to comply with current EPA standards as they pertain to lead and copper material used in legacy lines. This mandate includes reviewing and inventorying public and private lines; therefore, your in-home water lines are part of this program.

Garden City Park Water District is close to completion on the inventory of lead and copper lines in our area, yet we may need to verify the service material in your home...and we'll need your help.





Scan this QR code to learn more about the Lead and Copper Rule and to fill out the form.

CAPITAL WORK & UPGRADES

- Exterior pictures of the Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP) project at Plant #8. AOPs are a set of chemical treatment procedures designed to remove organic (and sometimes inorganic) materials in water and wastewater via oxidation through reactions with hydroxyl radicals.
- Interior pictures of the AOP reactor and Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) filters at Plant #8. GAC is a type of water treatment commonly used to remove chemical contaminants.









Plant #8:



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2023 Drinking Water Quality Report

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DID YOU KNOW... ALL IRRIGATION SYSTEMS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A BACKFLOW DEVICE & BE TESTED ANNUALLY

All backflow devices must be tested ANNUALLY for compliance by a New York State certified backflow tester. Test results are then filed with Garden City Park Water District and Nassau County Department of Health. For more information on backflow prevention devices and installation, please call us at (516) 746-3194 and our office will be happy to assist you.

A list of certified backflow testers can be found on our website, gcpwater.org, on the Backflow page under Regulations.



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Download the EyeOnWater App

For Garden City Park Water District customers with Eye on Water, it is easy to know how much water your home or business is using and can be a key water conservation tool.

First, make sure you set a leak alert as part of your Eye on Water Monitoring. This will give you valuable information, regarding leaks, as it will alert you when flow has been detected every hour in a 24-hour period.

Second, if you have a sprinkler system, note how much water it typically uses and check frequently to see if your water use on irrigation days approximates that number. This will allow you to pick up on and rectify sprinkler system leaks quickly, thus reducing the amount of water going to waste.

Download and Sign-In to the EyeOnWater app to monitor your water usage:



