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Be Prepared for that First Frost

Winterize Your Water!

Each year before the first frost, be sure to prep your water lines for the sudden drop in temperature that is to come. Taking a few extra steps can help prevent freezing or bursting pipes in your home.



Outdoors

- Be sure to disconnect all hoses and drain any excess water from the shutoff valves
- If you have an irrigation system, ensure all lines are properly blown out and the system is shut down for the winter

Indoors

- Use a foam sleeve to add an extra layer of insulation on pipes in unheated areas like garages or basements
- If you have a sink on an exterior wall, during extreme cold you may wish to keep kitchen or bathroom cabinet doors open so warm air from the room can reach the pipes under the sink
- If a pipe becomes frozen, bringing heat into that area should thaw it out gradually. While waiting for it to thaw, locate the shutoff valve for that pipe or the main valve for the house. When the ice in the pipe melts allowing water to pass, you may discover you have a leak likely caused by ice expanding in the pipe and splitting it. You will likely need a plumber to fix this issue, so prevention is key!
- If you will be away for any length of time, be sure to winterize your home accordingly

In addition, don't forget that if you have a fire hydrant nearby, please keep it clear of debris or snow!



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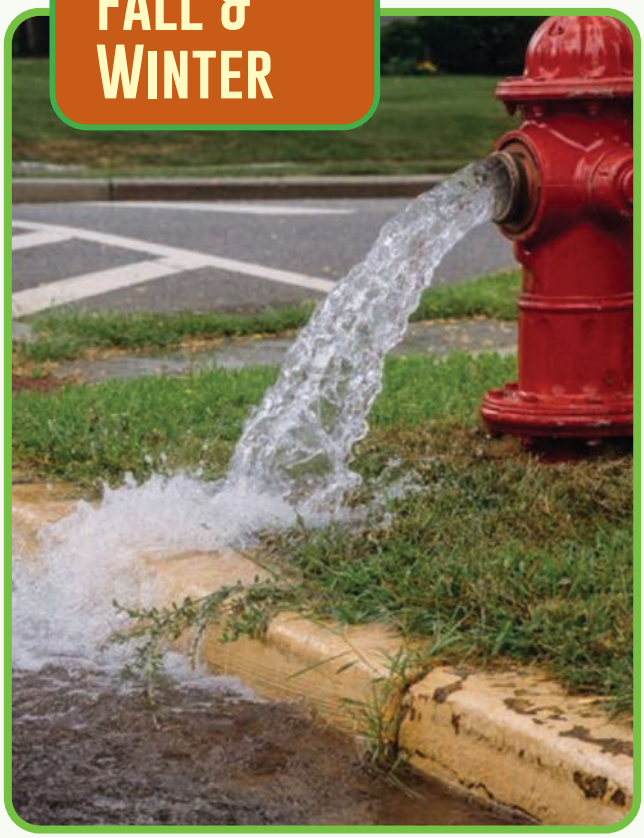


The Garden City Park Water District knows how important that water meeting or exceeding all local, state and federal guidelines, and working when their faucet is turned on, is to our consumers. That's why the District is grateful to have a dedicated team of professionals who work around the clock to ensure that no water issue goes unresolved for a minute longer than necessary. With six wells, two water storage towers, four underground storage tanks, six treatment plants and 76 miles of water mains, that is no easy task!

Although the District remains proactive in its replacement of old water mains, it can be common during winter months for one to burst. Last year, the District had a record-breaking number of water main breaks due to the extreme cold. We thank our crew for their commitment to the community. When our crews are on the road, please slow down and drive with caution – your attention helps protect them as they protect our water system.

If you see water pooling in the road this winter and it is not from rain or melting snow, it could be a water main break. We urge anyone who sees anything suspicious to call the District immediately at 516-746-3194. This number is monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week and will be answered. Crews will be dispatched at any hour to inspect and repair an issue.

Flushing Through Fall & Winter



Hydrant flushing for Garden City Park Water consumers will continue through the fall and winter months. Flushing serves an important function in helping us test and maintain our hydrants, which are a vital tool to our emergency personnel.

Please be advised that you should only see an identifiable Garden City Park Water District vehicle and crew member flushing the hydrant. If you see anyone else tampering with a fire hydrant, please contact the District immediately at 516-746-3194.

To see when we are planning a flushing in your area, please visit our website at gcpwater.org or call the office number listed above. We will also send an automated message to your number on file prior to any flushing taking place that may affect your water.

Garden City Park Fire District
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LEARN LIFE-SAVING SKILLS & SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY AS A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER OR EMS



Becoming a Garden City Park Fire Department volunteer as firefighter, EMS driver, or Emergency Medical Services (EMS) technician is a very rewarding and valuable way to serve your community. It takes dedication and many hours of training, but volunteers walk away with critical life-saving skills that could help their neighbor in need.

Volunteers must be dedicated, hardworking individuals who are willing to learn and accept the challenges of a difficult, yet rewarding, career.

Taking that first step toward becoming a firefighter, EMS driver, or EMT couldn't be easier if you meet a few simple requirements:

- **You must be 18 years old or older**
- **You must reside within the Garden City Park Fire District**
- **You must pass a physical exam and background check**
- **You must have a valid NYS driver's license**

If you are up to the challenge of this very rewarding work, we encourage you to visit **www.gcpfire.org** or to scan the **QR code** for more information and to apply today!

Garden City Park Fire Department Members Enjoy the Following Benefits:

- **Nassau County Property Tax Credit**
- **Free Training (EMS and/or Firefighting)**
- **Free Gym Membership**
- **College Tuition Assistance**
- **Pension**
- **A Sense of Pride and Satisfaction**

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2025 Drinking Water Quality Report

Our water meets or exceeds all local, state and federal drinking water regulations and our latest report can be found online by visiting: www.gcpwater.org.

SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES



Every chance it gets, the Garden City Park Fire Department likes to remind its consumers to check the batteries in their smoke alarms. You would be surprised how many emergency calls the Department responds to where the smoke alarm was disabled for some reason, didn't have batteries in it, or the batteries had gone dead and no one noticed.

Working smoke detectors double your chances of surviving a home fire by alerting you up to two minutes sooner than you may have smelled the smoke on your own. When it comes to a fire, every second is crucial and those two extra minutes for everyone to safely exit your home are critical.

Another important consideration is that there are two types of "smoke alarms" – ionization and photoelectric. Ionization alarms sound more quickly when a flaming, fast-moving fire occurs, but photoelectric alarms are quicker at sensing smoldering, smoky fires. The USFA recommends the installation of both ionization and photoelectric, or a dual-sensor smoke alarm that has both in one.

The Department also urges all community members to check whether their smoke alarms alert for carbon monoxide, CO. If they do not, you can buy a carbon monoxide detector separately. The Department recommends having one on every floor of the home, as carbon monoxide is an odorless gas that can render you unconscious past certain levels. Carbon monoxide detectors act as a 24/7 guardian against this otherwise undetectable gas. And, once again, be sure to check the batteries on those twice a year as well.

GRANTS OFFSET UPGRADES TO FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Garden City Park Fire Department is always seeking additional resources that will create value for the Department with minimal to no impact on its taxpayers. This includes applying for grants or aid when opportunities arise.

The Department is happy to share that it has been the recent recipient of not one, but three important grants.

The first grant, a Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistance to Firefighters Grant, is for a total of $183,054 to purchase additional protective gear. When you are about to respond to an emergency and have only your protective gear between your skin and the fire, it is of the utmost importance for the Department to maintain the integrity of its personal protective equipment—not to mention that with technology and research always getting better, the gear that's available is constantly updated to be safer and more protective. When our firefighters feel protected, it improves our capabilities as a unit and enhances our operational efficiencies. With this money, the Department will be replacing old gear as it is needed for its members.

The second grant is also from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant that was secured in conjunction with two other departments. To date, Garden City Park Fire has secured approximately $70,000 with this grant, which is a federal program that gives funding to local fire departments and volunteer groups for the purposes of recruitment and retention of firefighters in their area. The grant will allow for recruitment efforts including videos and kiosks at fairs.

The third grant is from the Nassau County Legislature for the purchase of $50,000 worth of self-contained breather apparatus (SCBA) bottles for its members. A SCBA bottle is a vital piece of personal protective equipment as it acts as a lifeline in emergencies. It is a high-pressure cylinder that stores clean, compressed air so firefighters can breathe safely in toxic environments. These are the cylinders mounted on the firefighter's back and connected to a face mask via a pressure regulator. These bottles, which provide 30 to 45 minutes of air, block toxic smoke and prevent lung burns in our volunteers.

The Garden City Park Fire Department is thankful for all of these funds, which will allow for additional support to its volunteers.