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NEED FOR CONSERVATION & SUSTAINABILITY NEVER CHANGES

he Jericho Water District was formed in 1923. Historically speaking, as stewards of one of the world's greatest subterranean aquifers, the District has long been a leader in advocating the conservation of water and the sustainability of our single source aquifer. Looking back to the 1960s, the JWD distributed a series of five topical *Water Factsheets*, covering subjects important then and even more vital today.



Water Quality



Low Water Cost



Wells

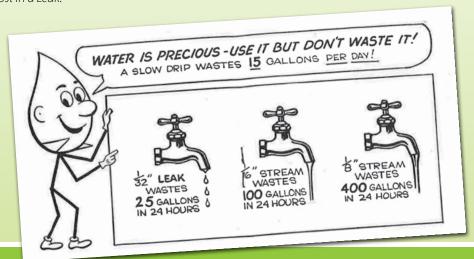


Water Bills



Cross Connections

Even earlier, the District distributed a 12-page mini pamphlet *Your Water Supply: Pay For What You Use, Not What You Lose,* starring the droplet character Willing Water! Copyrighted in 1953, the helpful, hands on topics included *Shutting Off Your Water, Tips On Saving Water, Replacing a Washer* and *What's Lost In a Leak*



Help Us Help You.

The need to conserve and to protect Earth's greatest natural resource will never change, and we can all pitch in as individuals to help our planet. As the Jericho

Water District approaches our 100th anniversary of service to this ever-



expanding community, look for regular articles in our newsletters and other communication vehicles that feature helpful hints to conserve and to best manage Earth's most precious resource. You can help us achieve sustainability to benefit future generations and to meet the mandate from NYS Department of Conservation to reduce water consumption.

Let's start today!

NEW PORTAL = CONVENIENT ONLINE PAYMENTS... AND MORE!

he District now has the ability to receive payments online through our new WIPP payment portal! It is easy, secure and this portal does not store any of your personal bank or credit card information. After logging in, you can also check your billing, payment, and usage history.

To pay your bill electronically, you will need one of the following:

- A major credit or debit card
- ACH (Automated Clearing House) transfer
- e-check
- **1. Go online to:** https://wipp.edmundsassoc.com/Wipp/?wippid=JERI.
- **2. Type in your Utility Account ID Number and PIN Number** (They are located at the top left area of your water bill).
- **3. Click Enter.** From here you can view the past three quarters of your account history as well as current bill information.
- **4. You can pay your bill** using the Make A Payment button.

Fees: There are fees associated with paying your bill online.

For more information: Call the District Office at (516) 921-8280.

It's The Time Of The Season When Love Runs High... For Green Lawns!

ut let's temper that love by incorporating common sense water conservation ideas into our landscaping plans.

- Irrigation is only intended to supplement precipitation. Even though irrigation is allowed as of April 1, hold off on initiating irrigation until it is actually needed.
- 2. How much water your lawn requires depends on whether it is in full sun or part shade, on sloped terrain or relatively level ground and the time of year. Generally, in May and October your lawn only needs ½ inch 1 inch of water per week. From June through September, weekly needs may increase to ½ inch 2 inches.
- 3. Make sure that your time clock is adjusted accordingly and program each zone based on plant requirements, soil type and sun/shade exposure. FYI, electrical storms can disrupt time clock programs and cause power outages which may cause sprinklers to be on more frequently and/or for longer lengths of time. Check time clock settings frequently to ensure they are set according to schedule.
- 4. Irrigation is most effective when there is less evaporation (early morning and/or late afternoon and evening) so your lawn gets full value from watering. We recommend sprinklers be programmed to go on later in the morning, perhaps 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. or in the evening, 9 p.m. to 12 a.m.

- 5. Sprinkler systems are very prone to leaks which largely go unnoticed and waste thousands of gallons. To mitigate this problem, systems should be inspected at least monthly. Check for broken lines and heads, clogged heads or heads blocked by new plant growth.
- 6. There is much you can do to make your soil healthier so it can take full advantage of the water being delivered to it and minimize the use of fertilizers and pesticides. Test soil pH annually. Soil with a 6.2 to 6.5 pH is more drought and disease resistant. Applying lime will adjust the pH accordingly. Adding compost increases the soil's capacity to retain water. Lawns aerated annually have a greater capacity to absorb water and applied nutrients.

Nassau County Lawn Watering Ordinance 248-A 1987:

- Sprinkling is prohibited before April 1 and after November 1.
- Sprinkling is prohibited between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Residents with even numbered and unnumbered residences may only water on even dates.
- Residents with odd numbered residences may only water on odd dates.
- Sprinkling is prohibited during periods of rainfall.
- Hoses must have a shut off nozzle that is automatically self-closing, requiring hand pressure on the valve to permit the flow of water.
- The JWD restricts the hours that all commercial/industrial properties (apartment complexes, condominiums, co-ops, schools, HOAs, etc.) may irrigate between 6 p.m and 12 a.m. on their designated odd/even dates.



Buying/Selling/Renting/Owning Property?

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW.

nlike other utilities, your water account number is linked to the property, not to a person. If you sell your home or rent it, the new owner/tenant assumes the account number assigned to that property. That's why when a closing date is set it is critical to arrange a final water reading with the District.



oversight can be very costly for the new owner. Unresolved issues regarding the condition of the water service will become their responsibility to rectify. The District can assist with questions regarding the proper condition of the pit and how to correct any problems.

WE WILL ASK FOR:

- Date of Closing: Please give us as much advance notice as possible.
- Name, email, fax and phone number of seller's attorney.
- Seller's forwarding address.
- New owner's information: Name and phone number.

All information regarding property transfer must come from the seller. Once the completed, signed form is received from the attorney, the final reading will be done and the final bill sent to the attorney's office for satisfaction at the closing. All efforts will be made to do the final reading before the closing. If the final bill is not settled at closing, the new owner will be responsible for past water usage.

RENTING:

The same procedure should be followed when renting out your home and putting the billing under the tenant's name. We will need to do a final reading the last day the former tenant is in the home or the day before a new tenant moves in. If billing is to be assumed by the tenant, it is still incumbent upon the owner to periodically check the status of the account as unpaid water bills will become their responsibility.

BUYING:

Care should be taken to ensure that the engineer's report includes an inspection of the water meter pit, an often overlooked item. This

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Consumers are billed quarterly.
- Account numbers beginning with 2 or 3: Billed February, May, August, November.
- Account numbers beginning with 4 or 5: Billed March, June, September, December.
- Account numbers beginning with 6 or 7: Billed January, April, July, October.
- Water bills that are past due more than thirty (30) days from the stated due date will incur a ten (10) % penalty. In accordance with town law, water bills unpaid as of May 31st, which remain unpaid as of August 31st, will be filed with the Town of Oyster Bay and added to your general tax bill for collection.
- Homeowners are responsible for repairs and maintenance of the water service for their property from curb stop (located near the street property line) into their residence.
- The District maintains an escalating water rate to encourage water conservation:

OUARTERLY WATER RATES

- Minimum charge per quarter: \$10.00
- **0 10,000 gallons:** \$1.00 per 1,000
- 10,001 30,000 gallons: \$1.05 per 1,000
- **30,001 100,000 gallons:** \$1.85 per 1,000
- Over 100,000 gallons: \$2.50 per 1,000

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATING

During the latter half of 2017, the Jericho Water District's Wheatley Road well/tank property underwent critical site improvements as Phase One of the Wheatley Tank replacement project. The existing 10-inch cast iron water main was undersized for future needs and was replaced with a new 16-inch, ductile iron water main. Ductile iron adds reliability and flexibility. The pipes have protective linings to inhibit corrosion, so this is not a band-aid but an investment in the future. Along with the installation of the new water main, the control and security system wiring were also replaced with modern systems.

Phase Two kicked in on January 12, 2018, when bids for demolition of the existing tank and construction of the new 1.5-million-gallon elevated storage tank were opened. Four (4) bids were received. The

District's engineers, H2M Group, reviewed all bids and recommended that Caldwell Tank (Louisville, Kentucky), the lowest responsible bidder, be awarded the contract. Once the contracts have been signed, work is anticipated to start in early summer.

Another major project currently getting underway is the construction of a treatment plant designed to remove volatile organic chemicals (VOCs) and reduce nitrate levels at two wells at our Merry Lane facility. The production capacity for both wells will be increased from 1,200 gpm to 1,400 gpm, which will help meet peak water demand during summer months. Four contracts were publicly bid and awarded late last year with actual construction beginning in late spring of this year. The project is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2019.



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\$1,000 scholarship is available for a worthy engineering student at Manhattan College. Sponsored by the JWD as a member of the Nassau Suffolk Water Commissioners' Association (NSWCA), the scholarship honors the late NSWCA past President and longtime JWD Commissioner Nicholas J. Bartilucci.

The annual scholarship is open to entering freshmen enrolled full time in any engineering degree program at Manhattan College. Applicants must reside in one of the 21 NSWCA member water districts (see http://www.nswcawater.com).

To apply contact Mary Ellen Malone, Director of Planned Giving, at Manhattan College: 718-862-7976.



Honoring Those Who Defend Us.

With American troops deployed to protect our way of life all around the globe, including many who are in harm's way, Memorial Day has special meaning. It reminds us of the ultimate sacrifice made by so many brave men and women throughout our history as a nation.

The JWD takes this opportunity to salute our active military personnel serving our great country, as well as all of our veterans. Thank you for your valor and your sacrifices on behalf of us all. Observed every year on the last Monday of May, this year's Memorial Day holiday will be May 28, 2018.

