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No Time Like The Present...
to locate, tag and test the main water valve inside your home

The main valve shuts off the water to your entire home, so it should be highly visible, especially in the unpredictable event of a major water leak. Mark it with a large, bright tag and make sure it is readily accessible.

Have a basement? The valve is usually on the front wall where the water service enters your home. With houses built on a slab, the valve is usually in the room where the furnace is located.



Older valves are round. To stop the flow of water, slowly turn them clockwise until the flow stops. Newer valves are known as ball valves and they also turn clockwise to close. Ball valves are in the closed position when the handle is at a right angle to the pipe.

TEST IT BEFORE YOU NEED IT.

As with many things mechanical, if a valve is not exercised periodically, it may freeze up, limiting your ability to stop water flow.

Test it before you need to use it. Replacement of old valves is always a sound preventative measure.

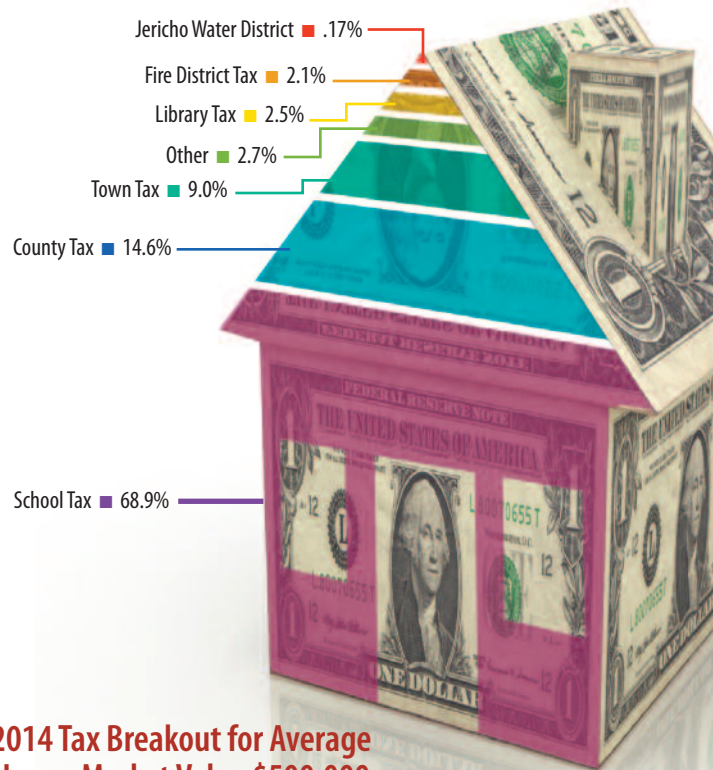
In emergencies, call the District at **(516) 921-8280** day or night. A service person will be dispatched to your home.

FISCAL STABILITY CONTINUES. No rate or tax levy increases in 2015

The Board of Commissioners has announced that there will be no tax levy or water rate increase in 2015!

In fact, this marks the 8th consecutive year that water rates have remained the same and the 4th consecutive year that the tax levy is the same. Long range planning, modernization and diligent preventive maintenance of the District's infrastructure are paying off!

There's more good news too. The average JWD homeowner pays approximately \$28.25 in taxes based on an assessed value of \$500,000. And it is still only \$9.00 for the first 10,000 gallons consumed each quarter. That's roughly the equivalent of just one case of the leading brand's half liter water bottles!



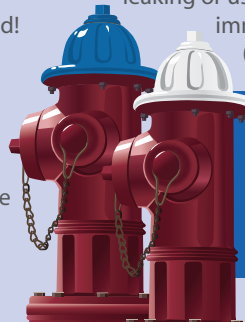
2014 Tax Breakout for Average Home, Market Value \$500,000

Our Colorful Hydrants

The Jericho Water District owns and maintains over 3,700 fire hydrants within our 37-square-mile area. They provide water for fire fighting, allow us to test our water in the field and flush our mains to maintain pH and chlorine residuals. And they're color-coordinated!

Hydrants are painted with distinctive colors to identify the district to which they belong. JWD hydrants have a red nozzle section and a white or blue dome. Blue-domed hydrants are for use

with valid hydrant permits, which must be displayed by the holder. White-domed hydrants are for JWD and fire department personnel only. Any hydrant observed to be leaking or used illegally should be reported immediately to the District at (516) 921-8280.

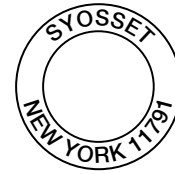


KEEP HYDRANTS CLEAR:

Firefighters need to locate fire hydrants quickly. Please make a year-round commitment to keep hydrants clear of shrubs, snow and man-made obstructions. **Your own life may depend on it.**



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Somewhere Under The Rainbow! Blue = Water

We are frequently asked why our service personnel paint blue marks on road surfaces or leave blue flags on lawns. The blue is "marking out" the water lines, so that when excavation occurs, our underground water mains will not be unintentionally disrupted.

Whenever work is planned that requires digging, a call should be placed to the New York/Long Island One Call Center (Dial 811). The Center will notify each utility with underground facilities in the area of the need to identify the location of their lines.

When mark outs are complete, you may see a virtual rainbow of color on the road surface! Our water lines are the deepest. We exercise great caution when excavating to access our mains, so as not to disrupt any other lines.



- Blue = Water lines**
- Green = Sewer lines**
- Red = Electrical wires**
- Yellow = Natural gas lines**
- Orange = Telephone wires**

Water meters: Inside vs. Outside.

From when the District started in 1923 until November 1941, water meters were usually installed in a home's basement. After 1941, meters were installed in a meter pit, usually located on the front lawn, which allowed meters to be read or changed without residential entry. If your home's water meter is in the basement, you may receive a letter from the District requesting permission to read or install a new meter. Please give this request your prompt attention.

The new meter will be wired to an electronic sensing device (touch pad) mounted on your home's exterior that indicates water use as recorded by the meter. This device will decrease the need for access to your interior water meter, but not eliminate it entirely. The touch pad's reliability can be

compromised by weather, structural problems and renovations. An appointment will be made to perform the necessary work on a specific day and time, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. As always, we will make every effort to accommodate your schedule within our time constraints.



Meter pits, which are located outside, must be kept accessible at all times. They not only contain the water meter, but crucial valves that will be needed to change the meter, and to shut off the water should a leak develop between the pit and your home. When landscaping, if the elevation changes around the meter pit, then the meter needs to be raised as well. Please call the District's Service Department for more information as to how this can be accomplished.