



Raising Awareness on Water Testing Offers and Solicitations

Over the past several years, the Jericho Water District has received an increasing number of inquiries from residents regarding companies that have contacted them, via social media, email, mail, or print advertising, raising concerns about the quality of our drinking water. In many cases, these communications are designed to promote bottled water services or the installation of point-of-use or whole-house filtration systems.

While residents may choose to pursue additional filtration based on personal preference, the District would like to provide accurate and helpful information to assist customers in making informed decisions about their drinking water.

The District's operations are governed by federal and state regulations, with oversight from the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), primarily through its local authority, the Nassau County Department of Health (NCDOH). These agencies establish strict standards that guide every aspect of water system operations, from the design of pump stations and infrastructure, to approving water treatment methods, sampling schedules, laboratory testing, reporting requirements, and the pipe materials used to deliver water to homes and businesses. All treatment equipment must be thoroughly reviewed and approved by the Nassau County Department of Health before use, and every water sample we collect is analyzed by a laboratory certified by the New York State Department of Health. These agencies also monitor water quality for newly unregulated contaminants. New contaminants typically undergo years of scientific review before becoming regulated, followed by additional compliance timelines.

Each spring, the Jericho Water District is required to compile all water quality sampling results from the previous year, along with additional operational data, into an Annual Water Quality Report. This report must be distributed to all District customers by May 31. Included in this newsletter, is the complete 2025 Annual Water Quality Report. Much of the report consists of required language provided by the health departments, including information about potential health effects associated with certain contaminants. The NYSDOH, NCDOH, and the District share a commitment to transparency and ensuring residents are well informed.

The Jericho Water District takes deep pride in delivering safe, reliable drinking water to the families and businesses we serve every day. While some companies may claim their products or filtration systems provide added benefits, the District stands behind the quality of its water.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATES FROM AROUND OUR DISTRICT

Well 33, Southwoods Road : (Top photo) Work continues to progress, the project is expected to be fully operational for the summer of 2026 pumping season.

Split Rock Tank Booster Station: (Bottom photo) Since the pre-fabricated building was delivered in the fall of 2024, the contractor has been continually working on making all the connections for it to be put into operation. It is expected to be complete and ready for the 2026 pumping season.

Jericho Tank Rehabilitation: The contractor was not able to complete the painting of the exterior of the tank last Spring before the tank had to be put back online for the summer. The containment tarps were taken down and stored so that they could be re-installed in September of 2025, and the exterior painting completed. Once the scaffolding has been removed, the replacement of the piping and valves at the base of the tank will be completed. All work is expected to be completed by the summer of 2026.

Lead service line replacement: In December of 2025, the contract for replacing all lead service lines, including goosenecks, was awarded, with the contractor scheduled to start this spring. Property owners with this type of water service have received previous written notification, and as the contractor gets closer to replacing the water services, another notification will be sent. The project is expected to be completed by the spring of 2027. In the coming months look on our website for more information.



Decoding the Color of Your Hydrant

As we transition from the colder months of winter into the warmer days of spring and summer, the Jericho Water District would like to extend a sincere “thank you” to the residents who took the time to dig out and keep clear some of our more than 3,700 fire hydrants. This simple, but important effort directly supports our local fire departments, whose members respond in all types of weather. When fire hydrants are blocked or hidden, valuable time can be lost during an emergency.

To help keep hydrants accessible year-round, homeowners are also reminded to avoid planting shrubs, trees, or other vegetation near hydrants. While plants may be small when first installed, they can grow and spread over time, eventually obstructing hydrants and limiting their use when they are needed most.

WHITE-DOMED HYDRANTS



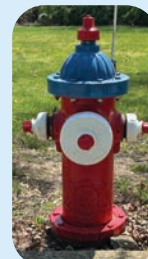
White-domed hydrants are for firefighting, emergency and District use only.

YELLOW-DOMED HYDRANTS



Yellow-domed hydrants indicate that the water main does not connect through the property to a neighboring street.

BLUE-DOMED HYDRANTS



Blue-domed hydrants are designated for permitted commercial use by companies that apply fertilizer or insecticides and require large volumes of water to fill their tanks, and each truck is required to obtain/fill out an application to request a permit. After a complete inspection of the truck from District personnel, a permit will be issued. Permits must be clearly displayed on the driver’s side of the truck or tank. Each year a different color code is assigned to the permit.

As a reminder, only certified Jericho Water District personnel or authorized emergency service members are permitted to operate fire hydrants. If you observe any suspicious activity involving a hydrant, please contact the Jericho Water District immediately.

IRRIGATION SYSTEM REMINDERS



It's that time of year when watering our lawns and plants becomes important. Jericho Water District would like to remind its consumers of a few key things to remember this watering season:

- No irrigation is allowed between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and during periods of rainfall.
- Odd-numbered homes may only water on odd-numbered days.
- Even and non-numbered homes may only water on even-numbered days.
- Sprinkling Regulations by zone are in effect – to find out your specific zone times, visit jerichowater.org or call the District office. Be sure to inform your irrigation contractor of these rules when opening your system for the spring.
- Cut back on watering times for each zone by five minutes – this could save 20% or more on your overall usage.
- Always inspect for broken sprinkler heads or leaks that can waste water.



As you prepare your irrigation system for spring, be sure to have your backflow prevention device inspected to ensure it is functioning properly. Annual testing is required by June 30th of each year. A list of certified backflow testers is available through a link on the District website or by scanning the QR code.



Spring Planting: Smart Choices for Colorful Gardens



Spring is the perfect time to refresh your yard with vibrant flowers and hardy plants that thrive in Long Island's climate. Consider planting native or well-adapted varieties that naturally grow in our region and are suited to our soil and weather conditions. Native plants, such as Black-eyed Susans, butterfly milkweed, coneflowers, coreopsis, and certain ornamental grasses, typically require less water, fewer fertilizers, and less maintenance once established.

Another water-wise option is incorporating xeric plants to your garden. These plants are selected for their ability to thrive with minimal watering. Choosing plants adapted to our local environment helps build strong root systems, supports pollination and reduces the need for excess irrigation.

You may also consider dividing perennials with your neighbors. Swapping plants that thrive in your yard will not only save money, but it helps build gardens filled with varieties proven to succeed in our local area.

Together, small, thoughtful planting can create landscapes that are beautiful, resilient, and water-smart for our community.



Wheatley Water Made a SPLASH at School



This winter, Jericho Water District Superintendent Pete Logan and Educational Program Coordinator Erica Napolitano visited with third graders from Jackson Elementary School in the Jericho School District as part of a collaborative project with students in Kenya.

During the visit, Superintendent Logan read "Did a Dinosaur Drink This Water?" by Robert E. Wells and shared the Wheatley Water video from the Jericho Water District's Junior Water Conservationist Program. Together, the classes explored how environmental issues impact their communities and compared what they learned from one another.

The Jericho Water District congratulated and welcomed several students from Jackson Elementary who participated in and successfully completed the water tasks and have become the newest members of the Class of 2026 Junior Water Conservationists.

CONTACT US: If you're interested in inviting Wheatley to visit your school or scout group, or learning more about becoming a Junior Water Conservationist, please email jrwaterconservationist@jerichowater.org or call the office at **516-921-8280**.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE:



“Water is the driving force of all nature.
-Leonardo da Vinci”

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