



HAMPTON BAYS WATER DISTRICT

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Dear Valued Customer

Water conservation is critical in protecting Long Island's groundwater system, as it is the sole source of drinking water for all of Long Island, including Hampton Bays. Conservation allows us to preserve our water supply, increase water availability for emergencies, and reduce stress on our drinking water wells and water distribution piping.

Dramatic increases in water usage are seen during the warm weather months (May through September). Given the significant water use associated with lawn irrigation during these months, the District has identified water-sprinkling measures as a simple and effective method to reduce system strain and promote preservation of Long Island's precious natural resource.

This year, the Hampton Bays Water District has instituted an Odd-Even Lawn Water Program in which we hope you will participate. The program asks is for odd numbered addresses to irrigate on odd-numbered days, and even numbered addresses to irrigate on even-numbered days. This can be extremely effective with everyone's participation. We also ask to have the system start from the hours of 9:00PM to 11:00PM. Please refrain from using the system in the middle of the night. This will allow the water to be available for customer household use for the early morning.

Ricky's Plumbing & Heating supply, located at 31A Ponquogue Ave in Hampton Bays, they offer Weather Smart Irrigation Controllers at a discounted price. Installing one of these units on your system will allow it to use Wi-Fi to connect to a weather station and allow the system to run according to the weather. This is another easy and excellent way to save our valuable resource!

As temperatures rise customers feel the need to water more often. This practice takes away from the availability of water for everyday household use. Our average total daily Pumpage during these peak months, a 24-hour period, is over 8 million gallons of water. In a 6-hour period (2am-8am) we pump, on average, over 2.5 million gallons of water. During these peak demands, we are producing over 7 thousand gallons a minute. This just gives an idea of how much water is being used just for irrigation usage. Irrigation is taking precedence over everyday usage, not allowing enough volume to enter homes. The only way to help us is to help each other and make a simple change that can go a long way.

Any questions on this letter feel free to contact us at 631-728-0179.

Thank you for assisting us with this crucial endeavor.