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The Plainview Water District (PWD) wants to provide Plainview-Old Bethpage residents with useful information to keep in mind when filling up their swimming pools this summer. As part of its Preserve Plainview initiative, these tips serve to help PWD customers conserve water while ensuring their pools are filled safely.

"With so many pools in our area, residents must always consider these tips to not only stay safe, but conserve our most precious natural resource," said Commissioner Amanda Field. "Millions upon millions of gallons of water are wasted during the summer months and it's why we have put such an emphasis on changing our water usage habits. Every gallon makes a difference so we encourage every resident to do their part to Preserve Plainview."

Recommended Tips for Filling Pools:

- For both above-ground and in-ground pools, residents should make sure to check for any possible holes or leaks in the liner before filling up.
- Don't leave the pool unattended when it is being filled. Someone should remain present at all times to avoid overfilling and expedite shut off in case of an emergency. Never leave a pool filling overnight.
- Only add chemicals to the pool when it is full, and add only what you need according to the pool manual. This will avoid improper levels, and



the chore and cost of having to empty out and refill the pool.

- As an additional precaution, always use a hose connection vacuum breaker to prevent flow reversal.
- Cover the pool when not in use. Hundreds of gallons of water per month can be lost due to

evaporation.

- Always be mindful of children, so ensure your pool is properly fenced or has a pool alarm.

For more information about conserving water or the Preserve Plainview initiative, call the Plainview Water District at 516-931-6469 or

visit the district's website, www.plainviewwater.org. Residents can also sign up to receive information to stay up-to-date with district activities by following the link on the district's homepage.

—Submitted by the
Plainview Water District