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# Warmer Weather And Wetter Lawns

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The Plainview Water District (PWD), as part of its Preserve Plainview initiative, would like to remind residents of the amount of water consumed by irrigation systems during the summer. With the summer in full swing and constant warm weather, district-wide water pumpage numbers are up significantly due to the high use of irrigation systems. As a result, the district would like to provide residents with ways to save water around their homes and businesses.

"So much water is wasted because of lawn and garden irrigation. Through a greater awareness, we hope to better educate our residents about why pumpage increases so drastically this time of year and what they can do to help conserve," said PWD Chairman Marc Laykind. "While there is currently no water shortage or drought, we

should never take our access to water for granted. As Long Islanders, we only have one source and we must do what we can to protect it."

Between January and April, the PWD pumped an average of 94.7 million gallons of water each month. However, significant water pumpage increases occurred in May and June as the irrigation season ramped up. In fact, the district pumped an average of 170 million gallons between May and June—nearly doubling the amount of water consumed monthly throughout the Plainview-Old Bethpage community.

"With temperatures rising during the driest part of the year, water consumption is naturally going to increase—especially with the frequent usage of irrigation systems," said PWD Commissioner

Andrew Bader. "It's important to be mindful of irrigation water usage during the peak season to help avoid unnecessarily wasting water and a high, third quarter water bill."

Here are some simple ways to save water this summer:

- Follow Nassau County's Lawn Watering Ordinance

- Watering is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Odd-numbered homes can only water on odd-numbered days.
- Even and non-numbered homes can only water on even-numbered days.
- Install a rain sensor or check that your current rain sensor is functioning properly.

- Consider replacing your standard irrigation timer with a smart irrigation controller.
- Mulch around flower beds to retain additional water.
- Use a drip irrigation

system to limit water lost through evaporation and improve amount of water delivered to root systems.

- Consider planting drought-resistant shrubs and flowers in your garden.

"When we make water conservation a community-wide initiative, our individual water savings can really turn into something significant," said PWD Commissioner Amanda Field. "Water is essential to life so preserving our only water source should forever remain a priority not only for our community, but for our region as a whole. Working together, we can have a meaningful impact on our environment and that is something to which we should all aspire."

For additional information about water conservation and tips to save water around the home, call 516-931-6469 or visit the Plainview Water District website at [www.plainviewwater.org](http://www.plainviewwater.org).

