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Hilton Head PSD Tap Water Passes the Test



The tap water provided to you by Hilton Head PSD in 2018 once again met or exceeded all state and federal water quality tests, independent labs and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) have confirmed. The PSD's Water Quality Report for 2018 can be found under "Publications" at hhpsd.com.

Customers also can receive a copy of the report by visiting the PSD Water Resource Center at 21 Oak Park Drive, off Mathews Drive, or by calling (843) 681-5525 or emailing info@hhpsd.com.

[Read the Whole Report](#)

It's time for a Sprinkler Spruce-Up!

Here's how to make the most out of your sprinkler system — and not waste water this summer.

Spruce Up Your Sprinkler System

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Inspect sprinkler heads.
A broken one can waste **25,000** gallons of water in six months!

Connect hoses and pipes well.
A leak as small as the tip of a pen can waste **6,300** gallons of water per month!

Select a WaterSense® labeled irrigation controller and water smarter.

Direct spray on landscapes, not pavement!

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It's that time of year again: The weather is starting to warm up and everyone's breaking out the sprinkler systems in pursuit of a bright green lawn. But it's easy to use *too much* water. Follow these simple steps to avoid wasting water this summer.

Spruce-Up your Sprinkler System in 4 Easy Steps

Did you know homes with clock timer controlled irrigation systems use an average of 50% more water than homes without? These systems tend to *overwater* your lawn, and contribute to massive water waste.

A sprinkler system that's programmed incorrectly can waste even more water than a timer-based system, so it's important to take time each spring to "spruce-up your sprinkler" before you ramp up your watering efforts to beat the summer heat.

A "sprinkler spruce-up" just follows these four steps: Inspect, connect, direct, and select.

- 1. Inspect:** Check your system for any problems, such as clogged, broken, or missing sprinkler heads — or hire an irrigation professional to come inspect the system for you.

2. **Connect:** Make sure all of your connections — where the sprinkler heads connect to pipes or hoses — are tight and not leaking. Also check for leaks in your system by looking for any water pools or large wet areas. #DidYouKnow a leak as small as the tip of a ballpoint pen can waste more than 6,000 gallons in a month?
3. **Direct:** Place the sprinklers so that they're only watering what they're supposed to — and not the driveway, house, or sidewalk.
4. **Select:** Choose a WaterSense labeled controller which actually monitors the local weather to decide when to turn on the sprinklers.

Timing is Everything

Make sure you know how much watering your plants actually need before you turn on the sprinklers.

Hilton Head local law limits irrigation to two-days a week only, and requires a working rain sensor on all irrigation systems.

Keep these other tips in mind for optimal water use:

- Avoid turning on the sprinklers in the middle of the afternoon — this is when the temperature is at its peak, and the heat of the sun will evaporate water quickly.
- Lawns typically only need up to an inch of water per week — including rainfall. Try this: Place a few empty (and clean) tuna cans around your lawn when your sprinkler is turned on and measure how long it takes to fill them up. On a dry week, watering your lawn for this amount of time twice should be all it needs.

Why's it so Important Not to Overwater your Lawn?

Overwatering doesn't just waste water (and money). But it can lead to a slew of other problems, including:

- Drowning plants
- Creating shallow roots
- Weed growth
- Disease
- Fungus
- Stormwater runoff — which pollutes waterways with fertilizers and pesticides

#SprinklerSpruceUp

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Hilton Head Island Middle School Career Day

PSD Customer Service Technician L.J. Bush discusses jobs in the water and wastewater industry with seventh-graders from Hilton Head Island Middle School during the school's 2019 Career Day.



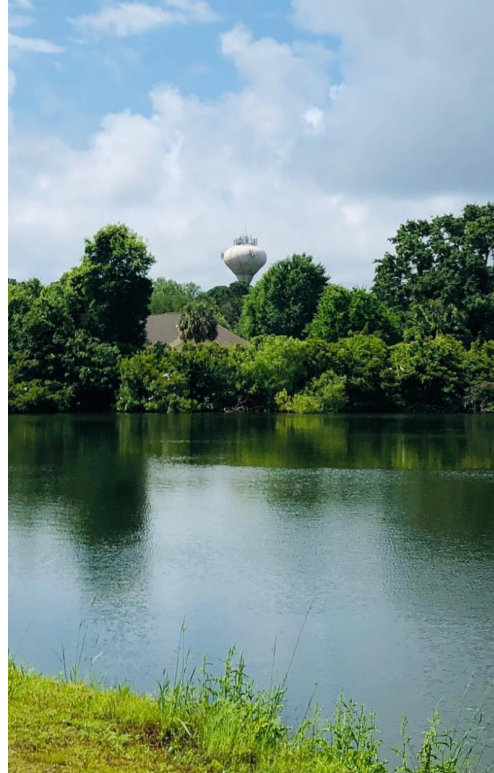
Master Sewer Plan Construction Continues

The PSD Master Sewer Plan construction continues on Cobia Court off Squire Pope Road. Work is under way to complete the final sewer collector main projects that are being funded by the Town of Hilton Head Island.

Seabrook Tower

The PSD's Seabrook Water Tower rises above Kid's Pond in Hilton Head Plantation. Water towers aren't just for storing water – they play a crucial role in

maintaining water distribution system pressure.



Build for Tomorrow

National Infrastructure Week is May 13-17



Most Americans' water systems have been in operation for **75 to 100 years** - well past their intended lifespans.

Infrastructure Week

This 7th annual movement represents America's businesses, workers, citizens, and elected leaders from all levels of government – all united around one message: America's future will be shaped by the infrastructure choices we make today. So let's #BuildForTomorrow.

[Learn more](#)

Did you miss National Drinking Water Week?



Drinking Water Week | May 5–11, 2019

Hilton Head PSD recognized National Drinking Water Week from May 5-11.

This special week was started more than 40 years ago by the American Water Works Association and its members to shine a spotlight on water professionals and the vital role water plays in our daily lives.

During Drinking Water Week, all of us at the PSD took a moment to recognize programs and achievements that affect our community, such as how the recycled wastewater program:

- Recycles more than 1 billion gallons of wastewater into recycled water
- Provides irrigation to 11 golf courses
- Conserves drinking water and boosts the local economy
- Nourishes the wetlands in Palmetto Hall and Hilton Head Plantation — which preserves these unique habitats for plants and wildlife

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Do you know a Water Champion?

The Hilton Head PSD Water Champion Award is presented to individuals, businesses, or organizations that have made a positive impact on the water environment in the Hilton Head PSD service area. Human health and environmental protection related to water resources, water efficiency, watershed protection, and water-related education and outreach are all examples of the topic areas that Water Champions may have an impact upon.



Why nominate a Water Champion?

The PSD Water Champion Award is a great way to recognize contributions that affect our most precious natural resource – water. Learning about a recipient’s efforts will help inspire others to think about what they can do to enhance, preserve and protect the water environment. In this regard, the Water Champion Award is a knowledge-sharing effort that can benefit our entire community.

[How to nominate](#)

Online Billing

- Pay your bill or check your account online! Here’s how it works:
- To login and view your account or to pay your bill, you will need to use your PayID or account number and address number. Your PayID and account number can be found on your water bill.
- Your default password is the first word or number in your mailing address number, which you can change once you register.
- If you want, set up recurring bill pay so you never miss a payment!

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Sign Up for the Water Usage Portal

Hilton Head PSD's Water Usage Portal can tell you exactly how many gallons of water flow through your pipes every day. This is an optional service, and you do not need to sign up for the Water Usage Portal to pay your bill.

- The Water Usage Portal is especially useful for landlords or second home owners, allowing you to keep an eye on

your property here in Hilton Head while you are away. Set up text or phone alerts to signal you if your water usage exceeds a level you determine.



Water Usage Portal

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