

# Please limit water use for irrigation as we move into summer

It's only the beginning of May, and Hilton Head Island has already been staying pretty consistently in the 80s for weeks now. And there's still just over a month until it's officially summer!

Make sure you're not wasting water as the heat continues to ramp up.

Please remember to follow Hilton Head's local ordinance by only watering your lawn twice per week — and making sure your irrigation system has a working rain gauge!

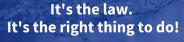
You should also set your irrigation timer to only water the lawn in the early mornings and evenings — avoiding the heat of the day.

Here are some more quick tips to help you save water this summer:

### Hilton Head PSD wants you to help save water.

### Know the local irrigation law:

- Single family homes with evennumbered addresses irrigate on Tuesdays and Saturdays only.
- Single family homes with oddnumbered addresses irrigate on Wednesdays and Sundays only.
- Commercial buildings irrigate on Mondays and Thursdays only.



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☐ Only water your lawn in the mornings and evenings, avoiding the afternoon heat

☐ Take shorter showers

- $\square$ Only run full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher
- ☐ Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth
- □ Check your home for leaks!

Click the button below for more information on the local irrigation ordinance and water conservation.

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## Hilton Head PSD to hold special election this month

Hilton Head Public Service District (PSD) will have a special election on May 31 to fill a vacancy on its Commission.

One seat in PSD Voting District 4 will be up for election to complete a term of office that runs

until the general election of November 2024.

For a map of PSD Voting Districts and precincts, please click the button below.



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# PSD mourns the loss of former commissioner, Gary Kratz

Hilton Head PSD is sad to announce the loss of former commissioner, Gary Kratz.

Kratz passed away on April 20, 2022.

He served on the PSD board for 17 years, representing District 4, and retired in November 2020.

Gary is survived by his wife, Rosemary, and their two sons.

He will be missed.



# Create a better yard.



#### **Build your better yard!**

Create a better yard this month: Plan a landscape that fits your lifestyle and uses less water.

Function meets savings! It's the best of both worlds.

Have no plans for Memorial Day weekend? Start planning now so you can work on your yard!

#### From our WaterSense partner:

The design you choose for your landscape will be influenced by how you want to use it and what other benefits you desire. Lawns can be the perfect place for the kids to play or for pets to run around on, but they may need maintenance more often. Shade trees can keep your landscape cool during sunny weather. A landscape with colorful shrubs can provide curb appeal. You may look for a combination – turfgrass for the kids, shrubs to form a border, a rain garden to prevent flooding, and trees for shade.

When planning your landscape design, in addition to primary use, also consider factors such as local climate, sun and shade locations, and the maintenance schedule. This plays a big part in how often your landscape receives rainfall and whether your plants must be prepared for a warm climate or cool climate. Although the plant choice will depend on region, you can still have an attractive, functional landscape with water-efficient plants. If you're designing a new landscape or rethinking your current one, the <a href="WaterSense Water Budget Tool">WaterSense Water Budget Tool</a> can help you plan your landscape for water efficiency and tell you if you have designed a landscape that will use an appropriate amount of water for your climate. The WaterSense <a href="Whatto-Plant">Whatto-Plant</a> page can help you find the right plants based on your state.

Click the button below to read more from WaterSense.

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## We're only a few weeks away from the official start of hurricane season

The 2022 Atlantic Hurricane Season officially begins on June 1 and goes through November 30.

Make sure you're prepared!

Start building your family's hurricane kit now. Your kit should include:

- A crank or battery-powered weather radio
- Mobile device chargers
- A flashlight and extra batteries
- Non-perishable food for at least 3 days
- Plastic dishes, eating utensils
- Any prescription medications and a first aid kit
- Sunscreen, sunglasses and bug spray
- Personal hygiene items
- Blankets, towels and clothing
- All of your important documents
- Enough cash to fill your vehicle with gas
- Pet supplies
- At least 2 gallons of water per person per day (plus water for any pets)

Remember to store drinking water in clean, non-corrosive, tightly covered containers and keep those containers in a cool, dark location.

Learn more from our Hurricane Season 101 Guide by clicking the button below.

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#### **United for Infrastructure Week 2022**

The 2022 United for Infrastructure Week is set for May 16-20. Why does this week matter?

United for Infrastructure Week is when America's leaders and citizens come together to discuss all things infrastructure — both the good and the bad, needed policy changes, projects, and more.

Infrastructure Week has officially been happening for a decade now! This year's theme is #LeadWithInfrastructure:

In 2022, United for Infrastructure is all about implementation! For over a decade, our steering committee, along with hundreds of partners across the country, have worked to explain the importance of investing in resilient, modern, and equitable infrastructure. We are thrilled that congress and the administration finally delivered the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law — a transformative investment that will pay dividends for generations to come. In 2022 our goal is to accelerate the policies and projects that America needs.

From scaling up the workforce to getting into the weeds on implementing the new federal legislation, there is more to talk about in 2022 than ever before. Water systems, surface transportation, public transit, and modernizing our electric grid are all on the table. How can regions make themselves competitive for receiving federal funds? What bottlenecks are the private sector anticipating in labor and materials as so many projects ram up simultaneously?

Want to join in? Follow @UnitedForInfra on Twitter and follow the hashtag #LeadWithInfrastructure during Infrastructure Week.

# Make sure you're including native plants in your landscape this Spring!



Photo: A small pollinator garden with Brown-eyed Susan (Rudbeckia triloba) and Anise Hyssop (Agastache foeniculm), both native plants to South Carolina.

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Incorporating native plants into your landscape will not only save water, but it will save you a lot of time on maintenance, too.

Native plants require less watering, they typically don't need extra fertilizer or pest control, and they tend to be hardier since they're literally made for your environment.

But beyond saving water and keeping your yard looking pretty, native plants are super important Why should you use

native plants

in your landscaping?

- less watering
- less maintenance
- less chemicals needed
- support native wildlife

to pollinators — which in turn helps support local crops, bringing fresh food from local farms to your table.

Learn how to create a pollinator garden and help save the bees — and our local farmers — <u>from our Clemson Extension partner</u>.

Want to know more about native plants? Check out <u>Clemson Extension's</u> Carolina Yards Plant Database.

And click the button below for more landscaping tips!

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Old prescription medications, over-the-counter liquid, pills and even vitamins can unintentionally make their way to local waterways. Studies have found that medicines flushed down the drain become contaminates that can harm aquatic life and ultimately end up in our drinking water.

Safely dispose of your unused medications in Beaufort County's drop-off boxes.

See the drop box locations here.

#### **Curious about your drinking water?**

Curious about what all Hilton Head PSD does to keep your drinking water safe?

Check out our latest <u>Consumer</u> <u>Confidence Report</u>.

Hilton Head PSD has several ways to produce high-quality drinking water, which allows us to choose the best options for our customers.

Click the button below to learn all about the PSD's drinking water treatment processes.



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#### Please keep your meter clear of debris

As you work on your landscape this Spring, please make sure that you do not obstruct or cover your water meter in any way with turf, bushes, or other landscaping. Meters need to be kept clear of debris and accessible to the PSD at all times.



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