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WATER IS FLOWING AT OUR NEW DRINKING WATER WELL!

The PSD recently completed a “24-hour test” of our new drinking water well for the Reverse Osmosis Plant.

The water is looking great! The new well is flowing at 1,600 gallons per minute, or equivalent to about 2.3 million gallons per day.

This well is drilled approximately 600 feet deep into the brackish Middle Floridan Aquifer. It will allow the PSD to increase the treatment capacity in its Reverse Osmosis (RO) Drinking Water Treatment Facility on Jenkins Island.

The increased capacity will represent the average day’s demand for drinking water in the PSD service area. RO treatment is a leading method for producing high-quality drinking water. The PSD’s RO plant has been in service since 2009. The project is necessary to ensure the island’s long-term water supply in the face of ongoing saltwater intrusion into the shallower Upper Floridan Aquifer, which

had been the island's traditional source of drinking water. The PSD has lost 10 of its 14 wells into the Upper Floridan Aquifer to saltwater intrusion since 2000.

Read more about the project on our website at the link below.

[Visit our Website](#)



Native Plant Demonstration Garden

RIBBON CUTTING



featuring
Hilton Head Audubon &
Low Country Master Gardeners



MAY 30, 2026 • 10^{AM} - 2^{PM}

at the HHPSD Office Facility, 21 Oak Park Drive

Join us for the Grand Reveal!

Celebrate the opening of Hilton Head Island's newest community garden, featuring water-efficient native plants that support our local pollinators and birds.

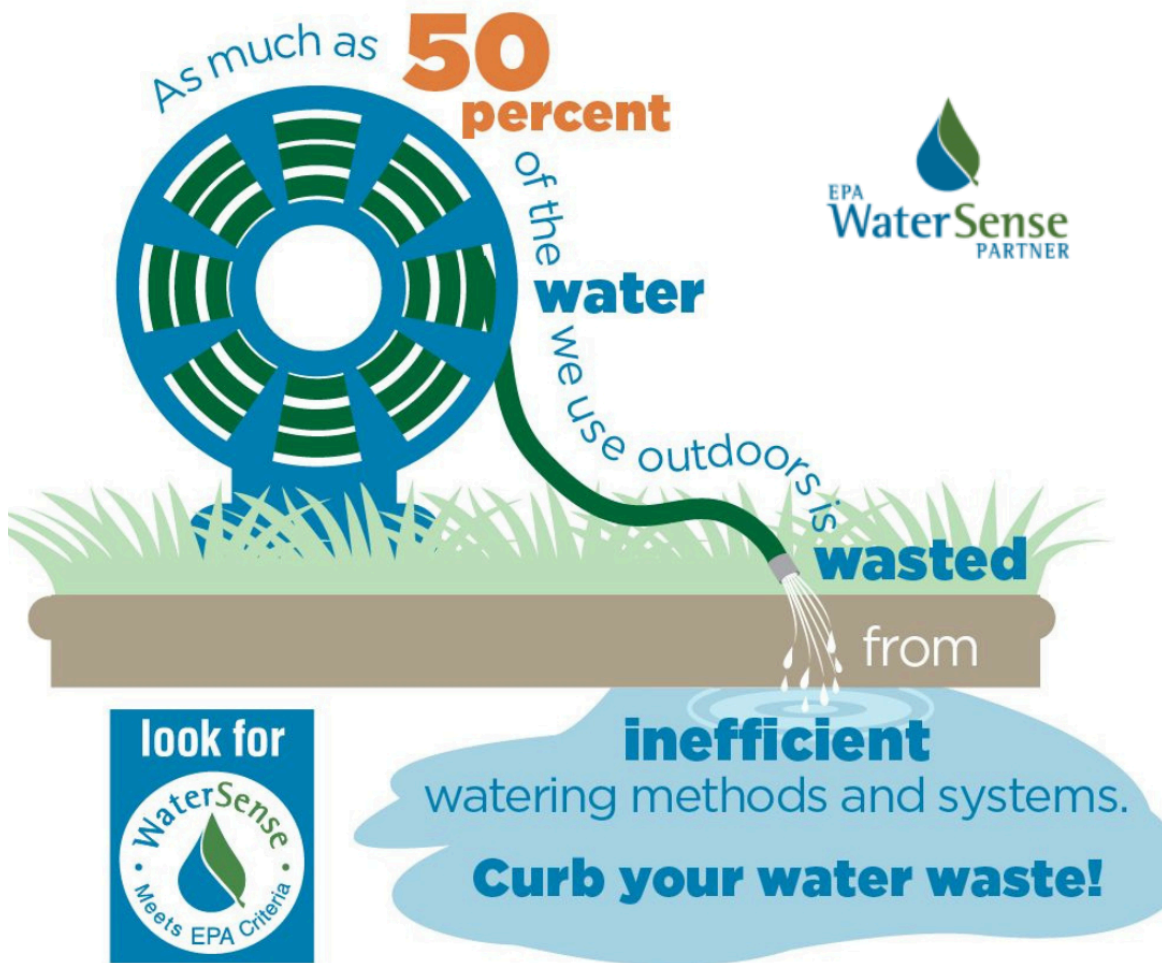
Stop by to discover how easy it is to create a native plant garden in your own backyard — saving water while helping protect the wildlife that makes our island special. Experts from Low Country Master Gardeners and Hilton Head Audubon will be on hand to walk you through ideas you can bring back to your yard.



**Thank you to our vendors,
Wild Birds Unlimited and
Pockets Full of Sunshine!**

***Attendees will be entered to
win a garden raffle giveaway!***

Hosted by Hilton Head Public Service District, Hilton Head Audubon and Low Country Master Gardeners



Switch to the WaterSense label & save water (and money)!

Drop your water use this spring and [install a WaterSense labeled irrigation controller](#).

You'll water smarter, and your water and sewer bill will thank you!

Would you rather check up on your existing sprinkler system instead? Learn how to complete a "sprinkler spruce-up" before the summer heat arrives.

SAVE WATER WITH A 5-STEP SPRINKLER SPRUCE UP!



How To Do A "Sprinkler Spruce-Up"

1. **Inspect for Breaks & Leaks:** Look for broken sprinkler heads or any leaks in your irrigation system! *Tip: Look for heads that do not pop up fully or are tilted as they can unexpectedly spray to the wrong areas. If you find any breaks or leaks, place a flag next to it so you can fix it yourself later or a professional will know exactly where to look.* Follow this [checklist](#) to walk through each zone of your irrigation system.
2. **Connect Sprinklers, Pipes & Valves:** Leaks can occur at the joints between sprinklers and the piping. Leaking joints can also be a sign of too much water pressure or particles in the water. Check your pressure regulator is installed properly. *Tip: Between irrigation cycles, look for areas of the landscape with water pooling on the surface; that could be a sign of an underground leak. Check the connections inside valve boxes to make sure all the valves and other components are securely connected and that*

the valves can shut. If the valves are not able to close completely, your system could slowly seep water even when it is turned off.

3. **Direct Sprinklers for Best Water Coverage:** Are you watering the driveway, house, road or sidewalk instead of your yard? Irrigation water that lands on hardscapes goes to the stormwater drain instead of the landscape. Any sprinklers that are spraying onto hardscapes should be turned towards the landscape. The sprinkler can be adjusted to as wide or as narrow as necessary. *Tip: Consider installing spray sprinkler bodies with integral pressure regulation which maintain consistent water pressure so that nozzles can operate efficiently.*
4. **Select an Irrigation Controller from the WaterSense Label:** A [WaterSense labeled irrigation controller](#) uses local weather data or monitors the level of moisture in the soil to automatically adjust your irrigation schedule. Irrigation controllers have intuitive programming controls to schedule irrigation based on the plant water requirement.
5. **Schedule & Make Sure You're Following HHI Ordinance:** Check that your irrigation controller is programmed correctly. If you manually set the time, aim for watering first thing in the morning or in the evening, avoiding the heat of the day. *Tip: Don't forget about HHI's Town Ordinance — irrigation is limited to no more than twice per week & your irrigation system must have a working rain gauge. View the full ordinance below.*

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Follow the Island's irrigation laws



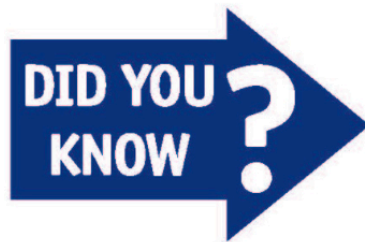
EVEN # ADDRESS
WATER YOUR LAWN ON
TUESDAY & SATURDAY



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WATER YOUR LAWN ON
WEDNESDAY & SUNDAY



**ALL IRRIGATION
SYSTEMS MUST HAVE
A WORKING RAIN
SENSOR.**



40 to 60% of the demand for treated drinking water on Hilton Head is due to residential landscape irrigation.
Please water wisely.

Hilton Head Town Ordinance

It's also a great time to check in on your irrigation system in general — making sure you're watering efficiently and following Hilton Head's town ordinance.

The irrigation ordinance on Hilton Head Island limits water use for irrigation to no more than twice per week, and requires irrigation systems to have a working rain gauge. Here are the details:

- *Detached, single-family residential with even-numbered address: Exterior landscape irrigation is permitted for customers having an even-numbered address on Tuesdays and Saturdays only.*
- *Detached, single-family residential with odd-numbered address: Exterior landscape irrigation is permitted for customers having an odd-numbered*

address on Wednesdays and Sundays only.

- *Commercial/office/institutional hotels and motels on a separately platted lot of record: Exterior landscape irrigation is permitted for customers on Mondays and Thursdays only.*
- *Common areas and locations having no street address, box number or rural route number: Exterior landscape irrigation is permitted for customers on Mondays and Thursdays only.*

More Smart Irrigation Tips



HAPPY EARTH DAY!

*Help save water (and the planet)
by following these quick tips:*



Make sure your
irrigation system is
efficient



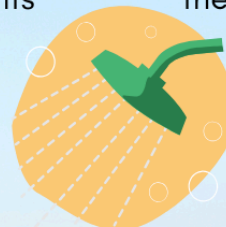
Save water used for
rinsing produce to
water plants



Only run full loads
in the washer and
the dishwasher



Turn the tap off while
brushing your teeth



Take shorter showers



PSD receives Facility Excellence Award from SCDES.



The PSD has once again earned the S.C. Department of Environmental Services' Facility Excellence Award!

The award recognizes the PSD's environmental protection efforts with its Recycled Water Plant on Oak Park Drive, and for its sanitary sewer collection system.

"The PSD is committed to the protection of our public health and the island's delicate environment through our vital recycled water program," said PSD General Manager Pete Nardi. "This service represents our community's most

effective and efficient way of ensuring a high quality of life now and for generations to come.”

Read more on our website at the link below.

[Read More](#)



PSD Assistant Finance Manager earns Certified Government Finance Officer designation.

Congrats to our Assistant Finance Manager, Angie Hughes!



Congrats to our Assistant Finance Manager, Angie Hughes, who has earned the Certified Government Finance Officer (CGFO) designation through the Government Finance Officers Association of South Carolina!

“We are extremely proud of Angie’s accomplishment,” said PSD General Manager Pete Nardi. “The PSD is committed to excellence in financial reporting and

planning. The CGFO designation is earned through rigorous coursework and evaluation. Angie's achievement of this professional certification enhances the utility's efforts in this area."

LOVE GOLF ON HILTON HEAD?

WE HELP KEEP 12 ISLAND
GOLF COURSES GREEN



It's RBC Heritage week!

If you're a golf lover on Hilton Head, then you should know that the PSD's Recycled Water Program helps keep several of the island's golf courses green!

This recycled water plays a vital role in the Hilton Head Island's economy and ecology by providing irrigation water for 12 golf courses — helping us save one of our most precious natural resources (and keep up our drinking water supply).

Learn more about the program on our website.

Spring birding on Hilton Head.



Have you been bird watching on the island yet this Spring?

We love to watch the variety of birds Hilton Head gets each year — and how many nesting birds we see in the wetlands.

#DidYouKnow that the PSD is a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary?

Our Recycled Water Program allows us to nourish multiple wetlands across the island, preserving precious habitats for the birds and other wildlife.

It's just another way we try to protect the island that we're proud to call home.

Failing septic tanks can be hazardous to your health.



Failing septic systems risk your health and property. Human waste contains multiple dangerous pathogens that aren't safe for the public health or the environment.

So don't wait til it breaks! Connect now.

If finances are an issue, project SAFE helps make public sewer access available to everyone on the island. Deep Well volunteers are on standby to help income-qualified homeowners complete the Project SAFE application that provides financial assistance to those eligible for the program. For more information, contact Deep Well at 843-785-2849 or deepwellprojectthhi@gmail.com.

Or learn more on our website by clicking the link below.

[Connect Now](#)



Save water in your garden!

**JUST FOLLOW THE
TIPS IN CAPTION**

If you've started a garden this Spring, there are several ways you can save water & still end up with a bountiful harvest — or beautiful flowers.

Here are some water-saving tips for your garden:

🌱 Make sure you're watering at the right time of day. Early morning before the sun is high in the sky is best — but evening or night time works, too.

- 🌱 Add mulch to your garden. It'll help keep down weeds, while also reducing water evaporation.
- 🌱 Use compost. Similar to mulch, adding more organic matter to your soil helps it retain water.
- 🌱 Map out your garden based on water needs. Keeping plants that need more water next to each other can help pinpoint the extra watering needs, rather than overwatering the plants that don't need as much.
- 🌱 Save water used for rinsing your produce & use it to water your garden!
- 🌱 Get a rain barrel! This allows you to collect rain water, which you can then use to water your garden — without ever turning on the tap.

More Tips from our WaterSense Partner

NEED A MOTHER'S DAY GIFT IDEA?

START A POLLINATOR GARDEN



Flowers are great for Mother's Day — but why not create something that'll make Mom smile AND benefit local wildlife?

If Mom loves flowers & butterflies, starting a pollinator garden is a great way to make her day! She can enjoy the beauty for months, and the birds and butterflies will love it, too.

Plus using wildflowers that are native to our area will help reduce the amount of water (and time) you use to keep them alive!

Learn how to create a pollinator garden from our Clemson partner at the link below.

Community Happenings



PADDLE THE LOWCOUNTRY

Sunday, April 26th
11am-2pm @ the Rowing and Sailing Center
[Register Now](#)

Paddle The Lowcountry - Free Paddle Day!

The Island Recreation Center, Outside Foundation, and Bluffton Paddle Club are thrilled to invite the entire Hilton Head community to join us for a FREE paddle day! Head out to the Rowing and Sailing Center and choose your adventure! Hop in a kayak, test your balance on a stand up paddle board, or experience the thrill of paddling a dragon boat with your neighbors. All watercraft are available to the public completely free of charge, because everyone deserves a chance to enjoy the stunning waters right here in our own backyard.

FREE and open to ALL. No experience necessary. Just bring your excitement and we'll handle the rest! [Register here.](#)

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We are proud to partner with the following organizations.





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