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TACKLE WATER WASTE



Getting your home ready to host this football season?

Tackle water waste with WaterSense and save water on your home turf!

Game plan with smart watering techniques and WaterSense labeled irrigation equipment.

WaterSense Labeled Controllers

Residential outdoor water use in the United States accounts for nearly 8 billion gallons of water each day, mainly for landscape irrigation. Experts estimate that as much as 50 percent of this water is wasted due to overwatering caused by inefficiencies in irrigation methods and systems. WaterSense labeled irrigation controllers can significantly reduce overwatering by applying water only when plants need it.

WaterSense labels two types of irrigation controllers that can help homeowners and businesses make their irrigation scheduling more water-efficient: weather-based irrigation controllers use local weather and landscape conditions to tailor watering schedules, and soil moisture-based irrigation controllers (also known as soil moisture sensors, or SMSs) monitor moisture levels in the soil to prevent irrigation when water is not needed.

Both technologies allow watering schedules to better match plants' water needs. With proper installation, programming, and maintenance, homeowners and businesses can use WaterSense labeled controllers instead of clock-based controllers on their irrigation systems, and no longer worry about wasted water.

WaterSense labeled irrigation controllers

can take direction from the sky or the soil
- you make the call on how to save water.





Weather-Based (WBIC)

- Use local weather data to estimate landscape conditions and determine if an irrigation cycle should be allowed or skipped.
- One WBIC can store information for multiple irrigation zones.



Soil Moisture-Based (SMS)

- Sensors take in-ground readings of soil moisture to determine if the irrigation cycle should be allowed or skipped.
- Depending on the uniformity of the landscape you may need multiple SMSs for a single landscape.

Replacing your irrigation controller with the WaterSense label isn't the only way you can save water on your home turf.

When it comes to a home's irrigation system, a little maintenance goes a long way. Perform a sprinkler spruce-up this Fall to keep saving water all season long.

A sprinkler spruce-up is just four simple steps: inspect, connect, direct, and select.



Please also follow Hilton Head's town ordinance

Hilton Head's town irrigation ordinance states:

Exterior landscape irrigation is hereby limited to the following days for all customers within the town limits, as follows:

- *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.*

Town of Hilton Head Island Municipal Code Sec. 17-10-313. Rain sensors required in new exterior landscape irrigation systems.

Any customer who installs a new exterior landscape irrigation system, in whole or in part after March 16, 1992, shall install a rain sensor on that irrigation system.

Looking for more information on smart watering practices? Follow the link below.

[Visit WaterSense Website](#)

PSD Happenings



Commissioner Michael Marks and General Manager Pete Nardi gave an update on PSD Water Resources at the Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island in August. Marks discussed PSD governance and Nardi updated the group on the PSD's long-range water supply projects and planning. Marks is a member of the Rotary. The presentation also featured the Rotary's Quench Buggy, which provides drinking water at local events. The Rotary Club's Lowcountry Environmental Club, including Rotarian Bonnie Brill, operates the buggy. The PSD is a Quench Buggy partner providing water quality testing.



Carolina Yards Workshop

The PSD recently hosted a Carolina Yards Workshop with more than 35 in attendance. The workshop was led by Clemson Extension Agents Ellen Sturup Comeau and Glen Payne. Carolina Yards teaches a set of principles to help residents create a water-efficient, sustainable landscape.

Learn more at the link below:

[Carolina Yards Info](#)





World Water Monitoring Day

Spreading awareness of water pollution.

September 18 is World Water Monitoring Day!

It's a great reminder of how important it is to regularly monitor our local water sources & fight back against pollution in our waterways.

If you'd like to learn how you can help monitor our waterways, check out the link below.

monitorwater.org

Don't flush prescription medications.



**✗ Flushing drugs down the toilet
(or throwing them in the trash)
can contaminate our water.**

**✓ Take unused medications to Beaufort
County's drop-off boxes.**



Reminder: Please don't flush unused prescription medications!

Flushing medications — or tossing them in the trash — can pollute our local waterways.

Instead, all expired or unused medications should be properly disposed of in one of Beaufort County's drop-off boxes.

Here are the drop-off box locations:

- 📍 Beaufort County Sheriff's Office – 70 Shelter Cove Ln., Hilton Head Island, SC 29928
- 📍 Beaufort County Sheriff's Office – 2001 Duke St., Beaufort, SC 29902
- 📍 Bluffton Police Department – 101 Progressive Street, Bluffton, SC 29910**
- 📍 Chelsea Medical Center -719 Okatie Highway, Okatie, SC 29909
- 📍 CVS, Bluffton – 1006 Fording Island Road, Bluffton, SC 29910

- 📍 CVS Hilton Head Island – 10 Pope Avenue, Hilton Head Island, SC, 29928
- 📍 Ulmer Family Pharmacy – 68 Bluffton Rd. #6, Bluffton, SC 29910
- 📍 Walgreens, Okatie – 138 Okatie Center Blvd, Okatie, SC 29909

Customers Only:

- 📍 Burke's Pharmacy – 1101 Main St., Hilton Head Island, SC 29926
- 📍 Bluffton Pharmacy – 167 Bluffton Rd B, Bluffton, SC 29910

Free DisposeRx Packets:

- 📍 Wal-Mart Pharmacies
- 📍 Sam's Club Pharmacies

Find more information at the link below.

[What Not To Flush](#)

IT'S INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP DAY

**HELP KEEP HILTON HEAD ISLAND'S
BEACHES CLEAN.**



This Saturday, September 19, is International Coastal Cleanup Day!

It's a day when people around the world roll up their sleeves to protect our oceans and waterways. Here on Hilton Head, every piece of litter picked up helps keep our beaches, marshes, and rivers clean.

Want to make a difference? Grab a bag, join a local cleanup, or simply pick up trash on your beach walk (just don't forget to stay safe by using gloves or tools to pick up trash!)

Join the Sea Pines Beach Sweep

Take part in the largest volunteer cleanup event of its kind in South Carolina as a volunteer with The Sea Pines Resort's team.

The Sea Pines Beach Sweep will take place at 2 p.m on Friday, September 18. Volunteers will meet at the entrance to the beach right before the boardwalk in front of the Sea Pines Beach Club.

Please contact The Sea Pines Resort Recreation Department at (843) 842-1979 to volunteer.

Visitors who are not registered guests of The Sea Pines Resort or Sea Pines property owners will be required to pay the \$10 gate fee to enter Sea Pines.

WE'VE REACHED PEAK HURRICANE SEASON

**STAY PREPARED IN CASE A STORM
DOES HEAD OUR WAY.**



September & October are typically the most active months for the Atlantic hurricane season. While this year's season has been unusually quiet — largely due to the intensifying El Niño — it's still important to stay prepared.

Keep your emergency kits stocked, and follow the instructions of state & local officials if a storm does head our way.

Early preparation will make hurricane season easier

Make a plan now for yourself, your home and any family members or pets. Know your zone and evacuation routes, and build an emergency kit that includes:

- 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.

Find more tips on our website:

Hurricane Preparedness



HEALTHY PONDS, HEALTHY COMMUNITIES WEBINAR

Learn how ponds protect our landscape, and management strategies for common issues such as algal blooms, fish kills, and bank erosion!

When: Sept 16, 2026; 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Cost: Free

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



*Scan for more info &
to register:*



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GO BIRDWATCHING AT THE PSD'S RECYCLED WATER LAGOONS THIS FALL!

Hilton Head PSD has been recognized as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary since 2018; one of the only public utilities in North America with this honor.

That means we're not just about clean water: We're creating real habitats by nourishing wetlands & creating pollinator gardens, helping local (and visiting!) wildlife thrive.

This fall, with migratory birds stopping over on Hilton Head, our Oak Park Drive site is a perfect place to spot Canada geese, waterfowl, osprey, and more. Whether you're a seasoned birdwatcher or a curious nature lover, come see how PSD is helping birds — and our whole community — flourish.

While you're there, you can also check out our native plant demonstration garden!

[Visit our Website](#)



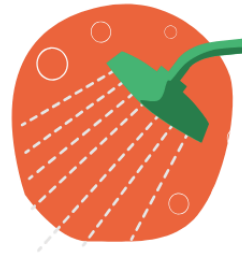
Save water this Fall



Only run full loads in
the dishwasher &
washer



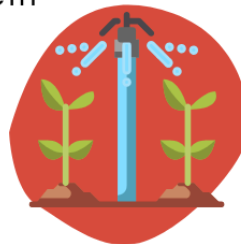
Turn the tap off
while brushing
your teeth



Aim for 5-minute
showers



Check your home
for leaks



Make sure your irrigation
system is efficient





Your tap water is safe on Hilton Head Island.



Our tap water is safe.

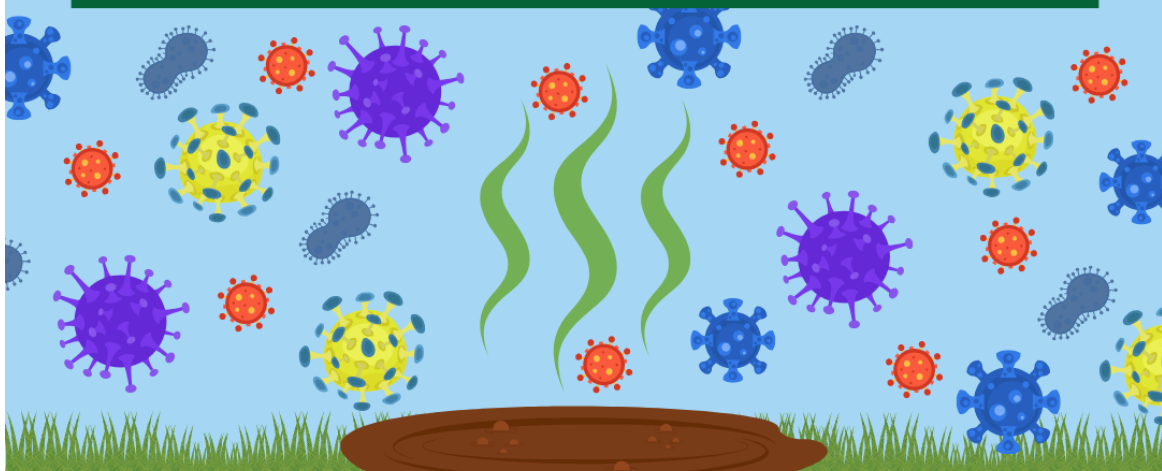
The PSD's drinking water meets or exceeds all current state and federal water quality regulations, including the drinking water the PSD purchases on a wholesale basis from the Beaufort-Jasper Water & Sewer Authority.

There are no known PFAS-related environmental pollution sites within the PSD's service area. None of the six PFAS compounds proposed to be regulated have been detected in the PSD's groundwater wells, according to recent monitoring.

Read more on our website.

IT'S TIME TO GET CONNECTED.

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY, YOUR
NEIGHBORS — AND THE ENVIRONMENT.



Connect Now — Don't Wait Until It Breaks!

Did you know that PSD has already connected more than 95% of homes on North and Mid-Island to our public sewer system? If your property still uses a septic system, now's the time to make the switch — before it fails and DEHC regulations prohibit repairs.

We make it easy:

👉 Call PSD Customer Service at (843) 681-5525 or email info@hhpsd.com, and we'll handle the connection process for you.

💰 Worried about costs? We offer flexible payment options — including low-interest financing over 20 years or an interest-free 12-month plan added to your utility bill. Income-qualified homeowners may be eligible for Project SAFE grants, potentially covering the full cost. Deep Well Project volunteers are ready to help with applications.

Protect your home, public health, and the environment — connect now!

[Get Connected](#)



Upgrade your home to be more water efficient with the WaterSense label!

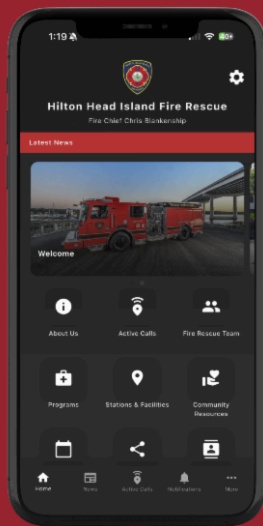


Community Happenings



Hilton Head Island Shrimp Festival

Join us in Harbour Town for this family friendly event featuring all-you-can-eat shrimp prepared by local chefs, craft beer from more than a dozen breweries, live music, kids' activities, and specialty vendors. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Hilton Head Island. [Learn more here.](#)



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STAY CONNECTED.**

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