



# TOWN OF RIVERHEAD NEWS

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### **COUNCILWOMAN GIGLIO URGES RESIDENTS TO CONSERVE WATER**

**Riverhead, NY** - Councilwoman Jodi Giglio urges residents to conserve water and assist the Town to preserve our water supply by voluntary participation in adjusted watering times and alternate dates.

The Town of Riverhead recognizes that fresh, potable water is one of the most valuable resources. The Riverhead Water District takes great pride in delivering high-quality water. Water conservation will assist the Town of Riverhead in maintaining the quality and its ability to meet the supply demand balance. Water conservation has many other benefits, including but not limited to, greater efficiency and increased capacity in wastewater treatment facilities; deferment of expenditures for maintenance and expansion of water, and, increased ability to handle emergencies such as drought, mechanical failure or water contamination.

The early summer heat and long periods without rainfall have placed a heavy demand on our water infrastructures with wells pumping near capacity, and in turn challenging the Water District's ability to meet demand and risking the quality of our water.

Councilwoman Giglio has introduced an initial water conservation plan and will continue to work with the Superintendent of the Riverhead Water District and all his staff members to find the most creative and cost effective means to improve conservation and improve our water systems. "Water is essential for all life," said Ms. Giglio. "This year, the town will be rolling out a water conservation plan that will not only help reduce our water usage, but will yield multiple benefits. We are committed to supplying adequate and quality water to our residents."

Riverhead Town Supervisor, Yvette Aguiar has reviewed Councilwoman Giglio's conservation plan, and said "although it is an unconventional strategy, it is one with a new creative perspective. It is evident that Councilwoman Giglio has researched and developed a sustainable plan that transcends to every Village, Town and State across the entire Nation. I congratulate her on her forward thinking."

Immediate: Please assist the Town and Riverhead Water District and participate in the attached voluntary plan.



## RIVERHEAD WATER DISTRICT VOLUNTARY OUTDOOR WATER USAGE RESTRICTIONS



The Riverhead Water District seeks to ensure adequate water supply and meet increasing demands during the hot summers. It is requested that residents, businesses and property owners develop good outdoor water use habits in regard to when water is used outdoors. A very significant factor that can be controlled by Riverhead Water District customers is the amount of water that is used during summer peak demand hours which are between 5:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. also 5:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

Three things can be done by every water customer that will help including:



**Water outdoors, whenever possible, between 9 p.m. and end prior to 5 a.m.** This is the **best time period** to water by setting automatic sprinkler systems to water during this time period or using sprinklers with hoses that automatically shut off prior to 5 a.m.

Odd Numbers			
2	4	6	8
12	14	16	18
22	24	26	28
32	34	36	38
42	44	46	48
52	54	56	58
62	64	66	68
72	74	76	78
82	84	86	88
92	94	96	98

Even Numbers			
1	3	5	7
11	13	15	17
21	23	25	27
31	33	35	37
41	43	45	47
51	53	55	57
61	63	65	67
71	73	75	77
81	83	85	87
91	93	95	97

**Odd/Even Watering:** Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, water customers with an address ending in an odd number are asked to water lawns, fill pools, wash cars, etc., only on odd numbered dates and vice versa for even numbers. Water customers in subdivisions with common areas are also asked to restrict watering these common areas to every other day. (Note: New landscaping be watered as required during the first 21 days after planting).

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**Avoid watering on any day between the hours of 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.** Water use in homes for showers, cooking, etc., is at its maximum demand during these “rush hours.” Watering outdoors during this time exacerbates the problem causing potential water pressure issues and increasing the cost of water used during these peak times of the day.

The Town of Riverhead would like to thank all of our residents and businesses in advance for their voluntary cooperation with this effort. Cooperation among all water customers will help to minimize the possibility of having to implement mandatory water restrictions in the future.

Should you have any questions regarding water usage, please call the Town of Riverhead Water District at (631) 727-3205.