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PSD sewer service effort marches forward



Hilton Head PSD has completed Years 1-2 of the 5-year Master Sewer Plan to provide sanitary sewer service to more than 400 properties in the PSD service area. The Town of Hilton Head Island is funding sewer main construction on scores of streets and the PSD has obtained a low-interest loan from the South Carolina Clean Water Revolving Fund to construct mains on an additional streets and to serve multiple landlocked properties. In all, the 5-year plan will see more than nine miles of sewer lines installed in the PSD's service area! The PSD is now preparing to complete Yrs. 3-5 of the plan by the spring/summer of 2019.

The Yrs. 1-2 projects have provided sewer service on the following streets: Nazarene Rd., Sassafras Ln., Trinh Palace Way, Oakview Rd., Spanish Wells Rd., Sam Frazier Retreat, Freddie's Way, Rasta Dr., Dillon Rd., Ferguson Ln., Kids Way, Ned Ct., Rhiner Dr., Eagin Ct., Katie Miller Rd., Caesar Pl., Marshland Rd., Allen Rd., Mackerel Dr., Pinefield Rd., Dianah Dr., William Way, Aiken Pl., L&L Broadcasting Dr., Jessica Dr., Chisolm Dr., and Thomas Cohen Dr.

The Yrs. 3-5 projects will provide sewer service on: Cobia Ct., Wright Pl., Nina Dr., Cobia Ct., Wright Place, Murray Ave., Amelia Circle, Outlaw Rd., Mustang Ln., Lawyer Place, Bligen Ln., Clifford Miller Dr., Duey Hill Dr., Orage Rd., Darling Rd., Adrianna Ln., Spanish Wells Rd., Fish Haul Rd., Yucca Dr., Great Barracuda Ln., Tarpon Trail, Adell Ln., Horse Sugar Ln., Alice Perry Dr., Triggerfish Trail, Christopher Dr., Pauline Manor, and Matilda Dr.

The additional PSD projects will provide sewer service on: Campbell Dr., Diamond Back Rd., Evelina Dr., McDonough Ln., Betty P. Ln., Abraham Jones Ln., Grant Dr., Butterfly Dr., Benjamin Dr., Elizabeth Dr., and to multiple landlocked properties off

various roads.

Project SAFE and Hilton Head PSD offers finance solutions for low- to moderate-income homeowners



Project SAFE (Sewer Access for Everyone) is a charitable fund of the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry that provides grants for low- to moderate-income homeowners to cover their sewer connection costs. Project SAFE is raising \$3 million for connection grants as part of this 5-Year Master Sewer Plan. All PSD customers regardless of income can avail themselves of long-term/low-interest financing through the PSD to cover all connection costs as well.

Per state law, once sewer service is available, no repairs can be made to existing septic systems – owners must connect to the sewer system. No new septic systems can be installed where sewer service is available, per state law. In this regard, the 5-year plan is not only providing a solution for homeowners with failing septic systems, it also is preventing further septic system installs on Hilton Head Island. Scientific research conducted by the University of South Carolina Beaufort has found that septic systems are ill-suited to the island's soil types.

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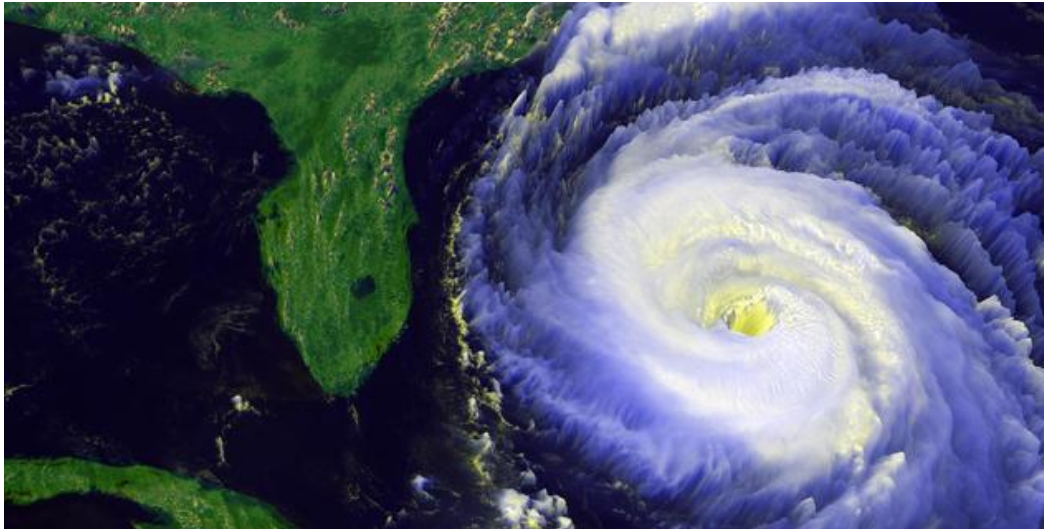
Graybill is a certified public accountant and a Hilton Head resident. She has worked for the CPA firm Robinson Grant & Co. on Hilton Head for 10 years and has extensive knowledge and experience in governmental accounting.

Additionally, she is currently serving on the board of the Boys & Girls Club of Hilton Head Island as its treasurer.



Graybill also is a member of the American Institute of CPAs and the Sea Island Chapter of the South Carolina Association of CPAs. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from Clemson University with a bachelor's degree in Accounting, earning both departmental honors in Accounting and the Faculty Scholarship Award for academic achievement. She also was the valedictorian of her graduating class at Hilton Head High School.

Preparing for an Emergency: Hurricane Planning



During and after a hurricane, there is always a possibility that the water supply to your home can become contaminated and unfit to drink. To ensure your household has a safe and adequate water supply after natural disasters take these precautions:

- Store enough drinking water for each family member and pet.
- Store in clean, non-corrosive, tightly covered containers.
- Store containers in a cool, dark location.
- Collect water in bathtubs for non-drinking uses.

As soon as landfall is imminent or evacuation notices are issued during a hurricane warning, you can further protect the water supply going into your home and minimize property damage by following the guidelines shown below:

How to protect your water heater:

- Switch off the electrical circuit breakers.
- Turn off your water at the main valve.
- How to turn off your water meter

Your water can be shut off at the main valve. Everyone in your home should know where this is located. The main valve (usually with a wheel-type handle) is normally located either on the customer side of the meter box or just outside the point where the service line penetrates the foundation of the house.

It will be in line with your water meter, which is usually located near the edge of your property line near the street. The valve can be operated to provide water, if available, for sanitary services only.

To have water for non-potable uses:

- Fill up the bathtub.

- Use the water in the water heater.

2018 Hurricane Preparedness

Beaufort County Sheriff's Office and hospital launch new drug drop-off boxes

From 2016 to 2017, more than 68,000 people in the United States died from drug overdoses; experts say many of those started in home medicine cabinets. How should one go about disposing of drugs? Don't flush them down the toilet! Flushing drugs down the toilet can be toxic.



Jason Sandoval with the Drug Enforcement Administration in the Lowcountry said, "There were certain areas of the country where... DEA was actually advising people to flush them. And they went and tested the water tables, and they were finding - not just traces of - but they were finding percentages of opioids and Benzodiazepine and other pharmaceuticals in the actual tap water, so definitely do not flush them."

A new initiative at the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with Beaufort Memorial Hospital, to get drugs out of homes and off the streets are two drug drop-off boxes, one at the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office and the other at the sheriff's office on Hilton Head.

[Read the full article](#)

Practice Water Efficiency this Summer

Only Water Your Lawn Twice per Week



Sweltering summertime heat is already here and the temptation to water your thirsty lawns is overwhelming. We typically hit peak water consumption by mid-July. We hit that last week! Please be mindful of your water usage throughout the rest of the summer by following the Town's ordinances on lawn irrigation and not overusing water efficiency inside your home.

Here are some tips on how to limit your water usage from [Clemson University Extension Service](#):

- Design and maintain a yard that thrives predominantly on rainfall once plants are established.
- Most established trees and shrubs need watering only during times of drought.
- Water your lawn and other plants only when they show signs of stress.
- Comply with the Town of Hilton Head Island's irrigation ordinance. (See below.)
- Calibrate your sprinklers to apply 1/2 to 3/4 inch of water per application.
- Mow lawns high to encourage a deeper, more drought and pest tolerant root system. The higher cut also shades out weeds. Cut no more than 1/3 the height of grass blades with each mowing.
- Put a rain gauge in your yard to track rainfall to avoid unnecessary watering.
- Connect an automatic rain shut-off device to your sprinkler system's timer. Set the device to 1/2 inch so it will override your system's timer when enough rain has fallen. Replace back-up batteries in your system's timer each year before the rainy season. Check to see if the shut-off device is working properly.
- Design or modify your sprinkler system to water lawn areas separately from plant beds requiring less water.
- Use a drip or micro-spray irrigation system to more efficiently water plant and flower beds.

[More About Water Efficiency](#)

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