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PSD builds demonstration well at The Gullah Museum of Hilton Head

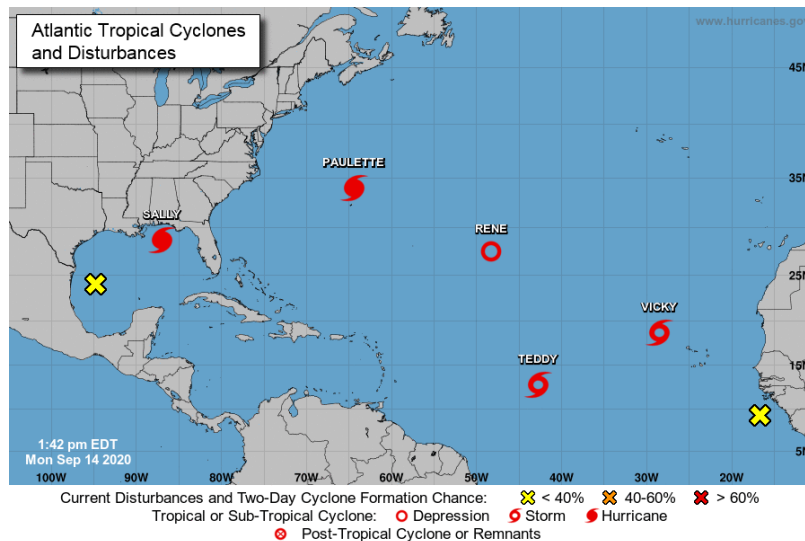


Hilton Head PSD's Johnny Malphrus built a demonstration well at [The Gullah Museum of Hilton Head Island](#), located at 12 Georgianna Dr., as part of PSD outreach related to the history of water on the island. The demonstration well has a vintage cast iron hand water pump, which is used to demonstrate the traditional way of getting water on the island.

"The Gullah Museum preserves the Gullah culture and educates people about a point in history they may not have known," said Louise Cohen, founder of The

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It's peak hurricane season. *The 2020 Atlantic hurricane season is setting records. Stay prepared.*



It's been an extremely busy hurricane season so far in 2020. As of September 14, the Atlantic had already seen 20 named storms — only one storm away from using all 21 alphabetical names for the season. If the season brings more than one more storm, the National Hurricane Center will switch to the Greek alphabet. The only other season that's used the Greek alphabet was 2005, the year of Hurricane Katrina.

With such an unprecedented hurricane season upon us, it's more important than ever to stay prepared. We still have two and a half months left of the official 2020 Atlantic hurricane season, which runs through November 30.

So keep those hurricane kits stocked, and make sure your family has a plan.

If a hurricane does impact Hilton Head Island this season, remember to follow all public advisories related to utility service and hurricanes — and do not expect to have utility services available during and after a storm.

If a mandatory evacuation of Hilton Head Island is ordered due to an approaching storm, please go. Evacuating when ordered protects your life and prevents undue risk and burden to first-responders. You might hear someone say, "It's only a Category 1 hurricane." Did you know that since 2010, Category 1 hurricanes have caused 175 deaths and \$103 billion in damage in the U.S. alone?

To receive updates from the PSD in the event of a

hurricane:

- Follow official advisories from the Town of Hilton Head Island Emergency Management, which will contain updates about utility services.
- Follow local news media.
- Visit our [Hilton Head PSD Facebook page](#).
- Visit hhpsd.com
- Call our automated info line at (843) 681-0555

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.

Turn off your water meter during an evacuation

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.

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Save the Date for October 21: *Imagine a Day Without Water*

October 21, 2020, marks the sixth annual Imagine a Day Without Water — a day to raise awareness and educate America about the value of water.

Imagine:

No water to drink, or wash your hands with.
No water to shower, flush the toilet, or do laundry. Hospitals would close without

water. Firefighters couldn't put out fires and farmers couldn't water their crops. Disease would spread.

This year, as communities across America faced the public health threat of the coronavirus pandemic, water and wastewater systems continued to do their job, 24/7, keeping the water flowing. Many Americans take water for granted every day. But what would a day be like without water?

Will you join us in 2020?



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JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP

RESPONSIBLE LANDSCAPING & GARDENING



Join PSD's Facebook Group!

Let's keep the conversation about water conservation going! The purpose of the Facebook Group is to encourage responsible irrigation, landscaping and gardening. Take us on a virtual tour of your gardens, yards and landscaping by posting photos. Share tips and resources.

[JOIN HERE](#)

**#NationalCleanUpDay:
Join millions on Sept. 19
and help keep our waterways clean.**

South Carolina usually holds its annual statewide beach/river sweep this time of year — and September 19 marks #NationalCleanUpDay.

Just because this year's cleanup



events have been postponed due to COVID-19 doesn't mean you can't help keep our waterways clean.

If you want to help, try taking a trash bag or paper bag with you to the beach or any of our other beautiful waterways. Pick up any trash you see along the way — and help keep our water clean!

But remember: Safety first! We highly recommend using gloves, a cloth or anything other than your bare hand when picking up litter.

Other ways you can help keep our waterways clean:

- Don't flush anything other than human waste and toilet paper: Throw wipes and sanitary items away, and properly dispose of medications
- Make sure you pick up any trash, shovels or beach toys you bring to the beach
- Recycle and help keep plastic out of landfills — and out of the ocean
- Skip the plastic straw when you can and opt for a reusable straw instead
- Reduce waste in your household as much as possible by recycling and repurposing
- Reduce water runoff from your lawn to keep chemicals and debris out of our waterways
- Pick up after your dog
- Organize a group to participate in a litter cleanup program, such as [Adopt-A-Highway](#)

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Happy Fall, Y'all!

Fall officially begins on Sept. 22!
We know how glad everyone is to hear those words after another sweltering summer.

In the meantime, learn how to prepare your irrigation system for cold weather.

[Contact an irrigation professional](#) certified by a WaterSense labeled program to audit your system.

Fall is also the perfect time to start planning for next year's water saving landscape. Find plants native to our region and get planning [here](#).

And remember: Even in the fall, the Lowcountry can still experience hot days and periods of drought.

On those days, it's important to cut back a bit on water use for irrigation — and continue to avoid using sprinklers during the heat of the day!

PREP YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM

ARE YOU READY FOR FALL?

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Make sure your irrigation system is prepped for colder weather.

Online Billing

- Pay your bill or check your account online! Here's how it works:
- To login and view your account or to pay your bill, you will need to use your PayID or account number and address number. Your PayID and account number can be found on your water bill.
- Your default password is the first word or number in your mailing address number, which you can change once you register.
- If you want, set up recurring bill pay so you never miss a payment!

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