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Annual water main flushing planned for next month

Beaufort-Jasper Water and Sewer Authority (BJWSA), Hilton Head Public Service District (HHPSD) and Broad Creek Public Service District (BCPSD) will temporarily change the drinking water treatment method and flush water lines throughout their service areas for a two-week period starting October 13. The change is part of the routine maintenance program for the utilities' water distribution systems. There will be no interruption in service

as a result of the work.

Customers can use their water as normal, but may notice a slight chlorine taste or odor in the tap water beginning Thursday, October 13 through Friday, October 28. Customers in some areas may notice brief discoloration in the tap water as a result of lines being flushed.

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Source Water Protection Week set for Sept. 25 - Oct. 1

The American Water Works Association's Source Water Protection Week is Sept. 25 through Oct. 1.

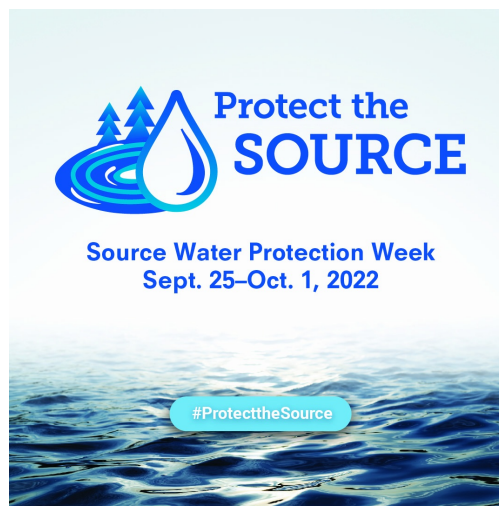
The goal of this week is to "Protect the Source" by spreading the word about the importance of source water protection.

Water utilities rely on sustainable sources of water that can be treated to provide reliable, high-quality drinking water. Source water protection is the first of several barriers to ensure safe drinking water, followed by other components of a multi-barrier approach that includes effective water treatment, secure distribution systems, and monitoring and evaluation.

Source water protection provides many benefits, including public health protection, watershed and ecosystem improvements, and socioeconomic benefits.

To learn where Hilton Head PSD gets its water and how it's treated, click the button below.

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Is your landscaping water-smart?

Save water — and money — with these landscaping tips.

Learn more at
epa.gov/watersense/landscaping-tips



Make sure your landscaping is water-smart this Fall

It's almost Fall! This time of year is a great time to rethink your landscaping and prepare for planting season in the Spring.

There are many ways to make your landscape water-smart — from plant selection to efficient irrigation.

The first thing to check with the change of the new season is your irrigation controls. As the temperatures drop, your irrigation controller should be set



Why should you use *native plants* in your landscaping?

- less watering
- less maintenance
- less chemicals needed
- support native wildlife



up properly to avoid overwatering.

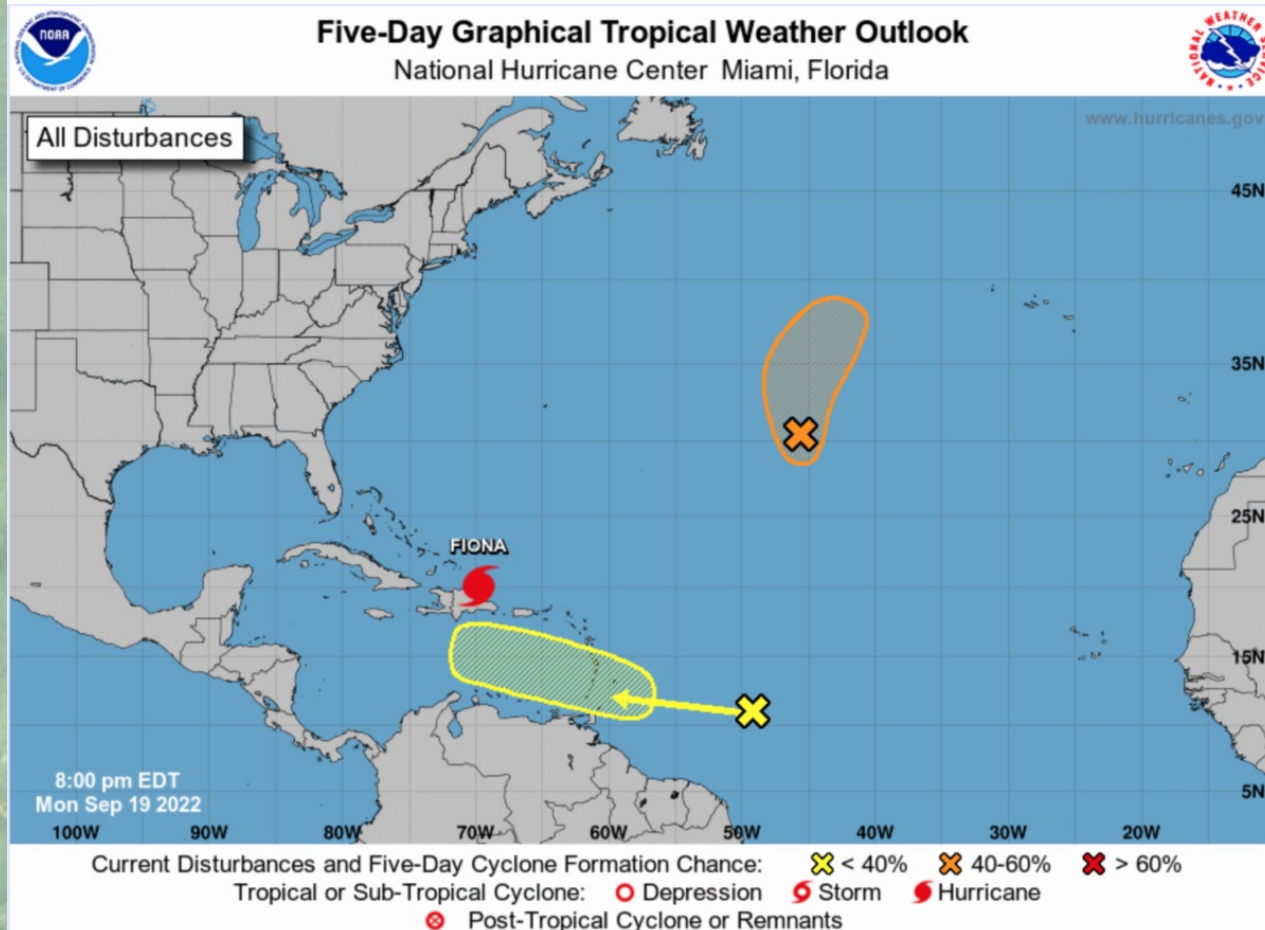
Beyond following Hilton Head's local ordinance — which requires all irrigations have a working rain gauge and are only used twice a week — cooler temperatures generally mean you can water your plants and lawn less than you did in the summer.

But a water-smart landscape isn't just about irrigation; you also need to select the right plans.

Choosing native varieties that thrive in your region's climate has many benefits. Not only do they require less maintenance, but they typically also require less water — so you can save water and money.

Paying attention to what you plant and where you plant it can make a big different in saving water. If you want to learn more about creating a water-smart landscape, click the button below.

Learn How to Create a Water-Smart
Landscape



The Atlantic is active.

Stay prepared this hurricane season

This week, Hurricane Fiona left a path of devastation through Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic.

The hurricane is continuing to strengthen, and is forecast to become a major hurricane by Wednesday.

While Hurricane Fiona is not forecast to impact the continental U.S., it's still important to stay prepared.

There are more than two months left of the Atlantic Hurricane Season, which ends after November 30.

If you never put together a survival kit — or already ate all of your hurricane snacks — now is the time to make sure you have all of the supplies you need in case a storm does head toward the Lowcountry.

An emergency kit should include:

- 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.

Beyond keeping a stocked emergency kit, you should also have an evacuation plan and know how to protect your home.

Click the button below to learn more.

Visit our Hurricane Preparedness
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**Reminder: Follow Hilton Head's
irrigation ordinance**

Rainy days may be becoming more frequent this time of year, but it's still important to follow Hilton Head Island's town ordinance on irrigation.

So remember: Your irrigation system must have a working rain gauge. Inspect your system at least once per month to ensure the rain gauge is functioning.

Also remember to set your timer to only water your lawn twice per week:

- 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**.

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World Water Monitoring Day

Spreading awareness of water pollution.



September 18 marked World Water Monitoring Day, a day established to help spread awareness about water pollution and the need for clean water globally.

Want to see how clean your water is on Hilton Head?

Check out our water quality reports by clicking the button below:

[View Water Quality Reports](#)

Curious about how much water your family used during the hot, summer months?

Check out our water usage portal!

It's a great way to track your family's



Curious about how much water your family used over the summer months?

water use any time of year — and make sure you're not wasting water (or have any leaks).

[View the water usage portal here.](#)

Wipes clog pipes. Yes, even the so-called "flushable" wipes.

Please don't flush anything down the toilet besides human waste and toilet paper!

Even so-called "flushable wipes" can clog your pipes.

Why? They don't dissolve efficiently like toilet paper does.

If you want to see for yourself — or help answer your kids' questions of "why," — check out our "What Not to Flush" page!

It's packed full of information and free printables — including a science experiment that'll show you firsthand why "flushable wipes" aren't really sewer safe.

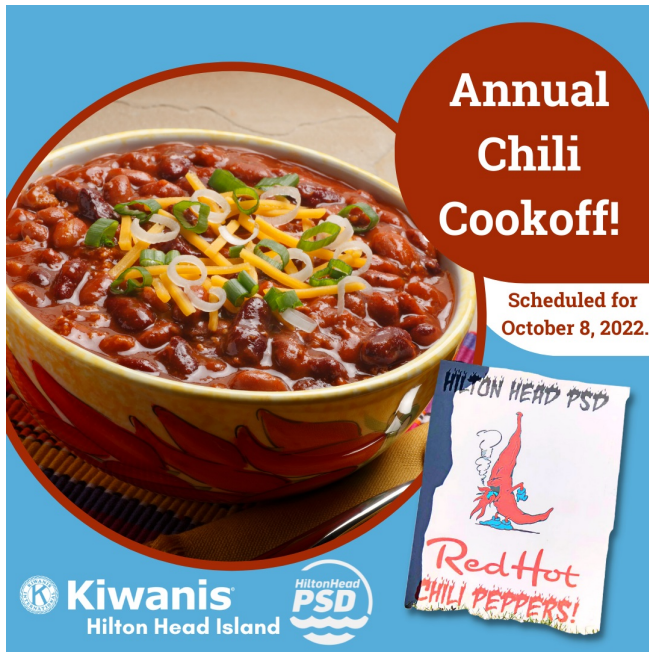
It also has information on how — and where — to properly dispose of unused prescription medications (hint: They shouldn't be flushed or thrown in a trashcan, as they can contaminate our waterways).

Want to learn more? Click the link below.

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Community Events



Annual Chili Cookoff!

Scheduled for October 8, 2022.

Kiwanis
Hilton Head Island

Hilton Head PSD

It's almost time for this year's annual Kiwanis Chili Cookoff!

The cookoff is scheduled for October 8, 2022.

The PSD has been a sponsor of this fundraising event for years, which raises money for local youth causes and programs.

If you or your business would like to sponsor or cook in this year's Chili Cookoff, head to hiltonheadkiwanis.com.

Hilton Head PSD Affiliations

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