



From The Desk of Mayor Don Ryan

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Here on Long Island we maintain one of the finest and most closely regulated public water supply systems in the entire country. Like most of Nassau and Suffolk Counties, Hempstead Village's supply of water comes from deep well aquifers. Fortunately, our supply is safe and plentiful. However, since summer tends to increase water usage for most of us, I thought it would be helpful to pass along some basic water conservation tips to further ensure we will always have an abundant quantity of this life-sustaining commodity.

- Late evening or early mornings are the best times for watering lawns and gardens. This will maximize the saturation lawns and plants receive and provide a good retention base for nourishment as temperatures rise throughout the day.
- When watering the lawn, do it long enough for the moisture to soak down to the roots where it will do the most good. A light sprinkling can evaporate quickly and tends to encourage shallow root systems. Put an empty tuna can on your lawn - when it's full, you've watered about the right amount.
- Take notice of the weather and keep track of the days and amount of rainfall we receive when it occurs. The average lawn needs only one to two inches of water per week, so if we are blessed with a heavy rain, cut back on your lawn watering accordingly.
- Never leave sprinklers or hoses running unattended. Hundreds of gallons of water can pour out in a very short time. Make certain that water is not running into sidewalks and gutters and being wasted.
- When washing your car, clean the car using a pail of soapy water. Use the hose only for rinsing - this simple practice can save as much as 150 gallons. Also use a spray nozzle when rinsing for more efficient use of water.
- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks.
- Taking a five-minute shower instead of a bath can save up to 15 gallons of water.
- Install water-saving devices such as special showerheads.

By learning about the importance of water conservation we can ensure plentiful water for everyone in the Village for today and for future generations.

This Week's Best of Hempstead



This week's Best of Hempstead honors go to Annie Harrigan. Annie is currently serving as one of our summer youth interns working out of the Mayor's office where she assists with social media upkeep, web site content and some general writing duties. In September, she will be entering her senior year at the Waldorf School in Garden City. At the school, Annie is involved in a number of activities, including serving as yearbook editor, a member of the music honor society, tutoring fellow students and on a mock committee that models the United Nations.

Annie is applying to both Yale and Harvard where she hopes to attend one of these prestigious institutions to study English and Political Science. Her goal is to become a lawyer as a professional career. Annie is another example of one of Hempstead's youth that is on the right track toward success. Congratulations to Annie for being recognized as one of Hempstead's best. It's been a pleasure having you as an intern this summer. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Don

Don Ryan
Mayor of the Incorporated Village of Hempstead