

New Jersey American Water Requests Odd/Even Water in Five Central New Jersey Counties

Customers Encouraged to Begin Conserving Water as Demand Increases

CAMDEN, N.J. – JULY 20, 2022 – Due to the current heat wave hitting the state, [New Jersey American Water](#) is asking customers in the following counties within its Central Operating region to take additional steps to conserve water now to avoid possible restrictions later.

- Hunterdon
- Mercer
- Middlesex
- Somerset
- Union

This is in addition to the voluntary odd/even conservation request issued in the company's Monmouth and Ocean County service areas on July 15.

“Our systems are currently operating normally at expected capacity, but we are seeing a steep increase in demands across these counties,” said Tom Shroba, vice president of operations at New Jersey American Water. “Adopting an odd/even schedule for outdoor watering will have minimal impacts on the individual customer but will provide a significant relief in demand on our source of supply.”

Practicing odd/even watering now will help the company manage a finite supply of water, and New Jersey American Water customers will still be able to maintain their lawns and gardens while saving some money on their water bills. The guidelines are provided below:

Odd/even guidelines are:

- Outdoor water use on odd-numbered days of the month if your street address is an odd number (i.e., 23 Oak St., 7 Maple Ave.)
- Outdoor water use on even-numbered days of the month if your street address is an even number (i.e., 6 Oak St., 354 Maple Ave.)
- Water early or late in the day to minimize evaporation

Exceptions are:

- Watering of new sod or seed if daily watering is required (Note: it is recommended that any planting of new sod or seed that has not already taken place be delayed until the fall)

- Use of private wells for irrigation
- Commercial uses of outdoor water, such as for nurseries, farm stands, power washing, plumbing, athletic fields, and car washes
- Watering of athletic fields

Additional tips and information on [wise water use](#) are available on New Jersey American Water's website at www.newjerseyamwater.com under Water Information.

About New Jersey American Water

New Jersey American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and/or wastewater services to approximately 2.8 million people. For more information, visit www.newjerseyamwater.com and follow New Jersey American Water on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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