

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
Borough of Spring Lake Water and Sewer Utility
For the Year 2022, Results from the Year 2021

We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. We have three wells and we purchase water from the New Jersey Water Supply Authority, Manasquan Reservoir Water Supply System. Our wells draw their water from the Englishtown Aquifer and are approximately 700 feet deep. The Manasquan Water Treatment Plant, located on Hospital Road in the Allenwood section of Wall Township, is owned by the Monmouth County Improvement Authority and is operated by the New Jersey Water Supply Authority. The Manasquan Water Treatment Plant takes its water from the Manasquan River in Wall Township and the Manasquan Reservoir in Howell Township.

If you are a landlord, you must distribute this Drinking Water Quality Report to every tenant as soon as practicable, but no later than three business days after receipt. Delivery must be done by hand, mail, or email, and by posting the information in a prominent location at the entrance of each rental premises, pursuant to section #3 of NJ P.L. 2021, c.82 (C.58:12A-12.4 et seq.).

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has completed and issued the Source Water Assessment Report and Summary for this public water system, which is available at WWW.state.nj.us/dep/swap or by contacting NJDEP's Bureau of Safe Drinking Water at (609) 292-5550. You may also contact your public water system to obtain information regarding your water system's Source Water Assessment. The source water susceptibility ratings and a list of potential contaminant sources for these water systems is included.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Spring Lake Borough Test Results						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Units of Measurement	MC LG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Radioactive Contaminants:						
Combined Radium 228 & 226 Test results Yr. 2021	N	1.5	pCi/l	0	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants:						
Barium Test results Yr. 2021	N	Range = ND - 0.1 Highest detect = 0.1	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Copper Test results Yr. 2021 Result at 90 th Percentile	N	ND No samples exceeded the action level.	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Lead Test results Yr. 2021 Result at 90 th Percentile	N	ND No samples exceeded the action level.	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) Test results Yr. 2021	N	Range = ND - 0.4 Highest detect = 0.4	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
PFAS Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances:						
PFOS Perfluorooctane Sulfonic Acid Test results Yr. 2021	N	Range = ND - 2.9 Highest detect = 2.9	ppt	N/A	13	Used in the manufacture of fluoropolymers
PFOA Perfluorooctane Acid Test results Yr. 2021	N	Range = ND - 3.5 Highest detect = 3.5	ppt	N/A	14	Used in the manufacture of fluoropolymers
Disinfection Byproducts:						
TTHM Total Trihalomethanes Test results Yr. 2021	N	Range = 10 - 59 Highest LRAA = 38	ppb	N/A	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection
HAA5 Haloacetic Acids Test results Yr. 2021	N	Range = 9 - 28 Highest LRAA = 20	ppb	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Regulated Disinfectants		Level Detected		MRDL		MRDLG
Chlorine Test results Yr. 2021		Range = 0.4 - 1.0 ppm Average = 0.7 ppm		4.0 ppm		4.0 ppm

Chlorine: Water additive used to control microbes.

HAA5 and TTHM compliance is based on a Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA), calculated at each monitoring location. The LRAA calculation is based on four completed quarters of monitoring results.

The Spring Lake Borough Water and Sewer Utility and the Manasquan Water Supply System routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2021.

The state allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please call 732-904-5943. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled Borough Council meetings at Borough Hall, Fifth and Warren Aves. Meetings are held every other Monday at 8:00 p.m.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can, also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

DEFINITIONS

In the "Test Results" tables you may find some terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Parts per trillion (ppt) or nanogram per liter - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 20,000 years, or a single penny in \$100,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Secondary Contaminant - Substances that do not have an impact on health. Secondary Contaminants affect aesthetic qualities such as odor, taste or appearance. Secondary standards are recommendations, not mandates.

Recommended Upper Limit (RUL) - Recommended maximum concentration of secondary contaminants. These reflect aesthetic qualities such as odor, taste or appearance. RUL's are recommendations, not mandates.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant, below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Total Organic Carbon (TOC) - We are required to remove a certain percentage of (TOC) from our drinking water on a monthly basis. Total Organic Carbon has no adverse health effects. However, TOC provides a medium for the formation of disinfection byproducts.

Turbidity - A measure of the particulate matter or "cloudiness" of the water. High turbidity can hinder the effectiveness of disinfectants.

What are PFOA and PFOS?

Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) are per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), previously referred to as perfluorinated compounds, or PFCs, that are man-made and used in industrial and commercial applications. PFOA was used as a processing aid in the manufacture of fluoropolymers used in non-stick cookware and other products, as well as other commercial and industrial uses based on its resistance to harsh chemicals and high temperatures. PFOS is used in metal plating and finishing as well as in various commercial products. PFOS was previously used as a major ingredient in aqueous film forming foams for firefighting and training, and PFOA and PFOS are found in consumer products such as stain resistant coatings for upholstery and carpets, water resistant outdoor clothing, and grease proof food packaging. Although the use of PFOA and PFOS has decreased substantially, contamination is expected to continue indefinitely because these substances are extremely persistent in the environment and are soluble and mobile in water. More information can be found at:

[https://www.state.nj.us/dep/wms/bears/docs/2019-4-15-FAOs-PFOS-PFOA-websites-OLA%204-24-19SDM-\(003\).pdf](https://www.state.nj.us/dep/wms/bears/docs/2019-4-15-FAOs-PFOS-PFOA-websites-OLA%204-24-19SDM-(003).pdf)

Cryptosporidium

Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in surface water throughout the U.S. Cryptosporidium is usually removed through the filtration process and inactivated by other treatment processes such as ozonation. In order to check for the presence of Cryptosporidium, the USEPA issued the Long-Term Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule in January 2006. As part of this rule, the Manasquan System began monthly sampling and testing for Cryptosporidium in October 2016 and this testing continued through its completion in September 2018. The sample results did not show any presence of Cryptosporidium.

Manasquan Water Supply 2021 Test Results						
PWSID # NJ1352005						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Units of Measurement	MC LG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants:						
Turbidity	N	Range = 0.02 – 0.18 100% < 0.3 NTU	NTU	N/A	TT 95% of monthly samples < 0.3 NTU	Soil runoff
Total Organ Carbon (TOC)	N	Range = 16 % - 51% Avg. Removal = 36%	%	N/A	TT 35% - 45% removal	Soil runoff
Bromate	N	Range = ND – 10.37 Highest detect = 10.37	ppb	< 1.3	10	Reaction of bromide with ozone used in treatment process
Inorganic Contaminants:						
Barium	N	0.034	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Cyanide	N	3.7	ppb	200	200	Discharge from steel/metal factories; discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories
Fluoride	N	0.098	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nickel	N	2.2	ppb	N/A	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	N	0.36	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Disinfection Byproducts:						
TTHM Total Trihalomethanes	N	26.5	ppb	N/A	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection
HAAS Haloacetic Acids	N	18.9	ppb	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
PFAS Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances:						
PFOS Perfluorooctane Sulfonic Acid	N	Range = 2.2 – 2.5 Highest detect = 2.5	ppt	N/A	13	Used in the manufacture of fluoropolymers
PFOA Perfluorooctane Acid	N	Range = 2.9 – 3.3 Highest detect = 3.3	ppt	N/A	14	Used in the manufacture of fluoropolymers
Regulated Disinfectants						
		Level Detected		MRDL		MRDLG
Chlorine		Range = 1.02 – 2.24		4.0 ppm		4.0 ppm

Chlorine: Water additive used to control microbes

Please note: The New Jersey Water Supply Authority is not responsible for lead testing within the customer communities. Consult the Consumer Confidence Report of your community water system for lead results. The lead results in the table above are from faucets at the buildings on the Water Treatment facilities property. Lead and copper levels were detected in some samples taken at the water treatment plant and tested in 2021. The NJWSA adds a corrosion control chemical and adjusts the pH of the water leaving the Water Treatment plant in order to improve the corrosivity of the water and to achieve the regulatory level for these chemical elements.

Sources of Lead in Drinking Water

The Borough of Spring Lake Water and Sewer Utility is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. Although most lead exposure occurs from inhaling dust or from contaminated soil, or when children eat paint chips, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) estimates that 10 to 20 percent of human exposure to lead may come from lead in drinking water. Infants who consume mostly mixed formula can receive 40 percent to 60 percent of their exposure to lead from drinking water. Lead is rarely found in the source of your drinking water but enters tap water through corrosion, or wearing away, of materials containing lead in the water distribution system and household plumbing materials. These materials include lead-based solder used to join copper pipes, brass, and chrome-brass faucets, and in some cases, service lines made of or lined with lead. New brass faucets, fittings, and valves, including those advertised as "lead-free", may still contain a small percentage of lead, and contribute lead to drinking water. The law currently allows end-use brass fixtures, such as faucets, with up to 0.25 percent lead to be labeled as "lead free". However, prior to January 4, 2014, "lead free" allowed up to 8 percent lead content of the wetted surfaces of plumbing products including those labeled National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) certified. Visit the NSF website at www.nsf.org to learn more about lead-containing plumbing fixtures. Consumers should be aware of this when choosing fixtures and take appropriate precautions. When water stands in lead service lines, lead pipes, or plumbing systems containing lead for several hours or more, the lead may dissolve into your drinking water. This means the first water drawn from the tap in the morning, or later in the afternoon if the water has not been used all day, can contain fairly high levels of lead.

Steps You Can Take to Reduce Exposure to Lead in Drinking Water

For a full list of steps visit: <https://www.state.nj.us/dep/water/supplv/dwc-lead-consumer.html>

Run the cold water to flush out lead. Let the water run from the tap before using it for drinking or cooking any time the water in the faucet has gone unused for more than six hours. The longer the water resides in plumbing the more lead it may contain. Flushing the tap means running the cold-water faucet. Let the water run from the cold-water tap based on the length of the lead service line and the plumbing configuration in your home. In other words, the larger the home or building and the greater the distance to the water main (in the street), the more water it will take to flush properly. Although toilet flushing or showering flushes water through a portion of the plumbing system, you still need to flush the water in each faucet before using it for drinking or cooking. Flushing tap water is a simple and inexpensive measure you can take to protect your health. It usually uses less than one gallon of water.

Use cold, flushed water for cooking and preparing baby formula. Because lead from lead-containing plumbing materials and pipes can dissolve into hot water more easily than cold water, never drink, cook, or prepare beverages including baby formula using hot water from the tap. If you have not had your water sampled or if you know, it is recommended that bottled or filtered water be used for drinking and preparing baby formula. If you need hot water, draw water from the cold tap and then heat it.

Do not boil water to remove lead. Boiling water will not reduce lead; however, it is still safe to wash dishes and do laundry. Lead will not soak into dishware or most clothes.

Use alternative sources or treatment of water. You may want to consider purchasing bottled water or a water filter. Read the package to be sure the filter is approved to reduce lead or contact NSF International at 800-NSF-8010 or www.nsf.org for information on performance standards for water filters.

Determine if you have interior lead plumbing or solder. If your home/building was constructed prior to 1987, it is important to determine if interior lead solder or lead pipes are present. You can check yourself, hire a licensed plumber, or check with your landlord. Replace plumbing fixtures and service lines containing lead. Replace brass faucets, fittings, and valves that do not meet the current definition of "lead free" from 2014 (as explained above). Visit the NSF website at www.nsf.org to learn more about lead-containing plumbing fixtures.

Remove and clean aerators/screens on plumbing fixtures. Over time, particles and sediment can collect in the aerator screen. Regularly remove and clean aerators screens located at the tip of faucets and remove any particles.

Test your water for lead. Please call 732-904-5943 to find out how to get your water tested for lead. Testing is essential because you cannot see, taste, or smell lead in drinking water.

Get your child tested. Contact your local health department or healthcare provider to find out how you can get your child tested for lead if you are concerned about lead exposure. New Jersey law requires that children be tested for lead in their blood at both 1 and 2 years of age and before they are 6 years old if they have never been tested before or if they have been exposed to a known source of lead.

Have an electrician check your wiring. If grounding wires from the electrical system are attached to your pipes, corrosion may be greater. Check with a licensed electrician or your local electrical code to determine if your wiring can be grounded elsewhere. DO NOT attempt to change the wiring yourself because improper grounding can cause electrical shock and fire hazards.

Water softeners and reverse osmosis units will remove lead from water but can also make the water more corrosive to lead solder and plumbing by removing certain minerals; therefore, the installation of these treatment units at the point of entry into homes with lead plumbing should only be done under supervision of a qualified water treatment professional.

Health Effects of Lead

Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body from drinking water or other sources. It can cause damage to the brain and kidneys and can interfere with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of your body. The greatest risk of lead exposure is to infants, young children, and pregnant women. Scientists have linked the effects of lead on the brain with lowered IQ in children. Adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected by low levels of lead more than healthy adults. Lead is stored in the bones, and it can be released later in life. During pregnancy, the child receives lead from the mother's bones, which may affect brain development. Contact your local health department or healthcare provider to find out how you can get your child tested for lead if you are concerned about lead exposure. You can find out more about how to get your child tested and how to pay for it at <https://www.state.nj.us/health/childhoodlead/testing.shtml>.

In July 2021, P.L.2021, Ch.183 (Law) was enacted, requiring all community water systems to replace lead service lines in their service area within 10 years. Under the law, the Borough of Spring Lake Water and Sewer Utility is required to notify customers, non-paying consumers, and any off-site owner of a property (e.g., landlord) when it is known they are served by a lead service line*. Our service line inventory is available upon request.

Special Notice:

All water systems must provide a notice of the individual tap results from Lead Tap Monitoring to the persons served by the water system at the specific sampling site from which the sample was taken. This notice must be provided no later than 30 days after learning of the tap monitoring results. We were late with these notices.

Special Notice:

Public community water systems must comply with the Consumer Confidence Rule, which requires community water systems to prepare a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) / Water Quality Report annually, containing the previous year's drinking water monitoring data, and submit to both their customers and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) by July 1st and a CCR Certification Form to NJDEP by October 1st of each year. For the year 2021 we inadvertently submitted this water system's CCR late to NJDEP. (8/20/21)

We at the Borough of Spring Lake Water and Sewer Utility work hard to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future. Please call our office if you have questions.

Borough of Spring Lake - PWSID # NJ1348001

Borough of Spring Lake is a public community water system consisting of 3 wells.

This system's source water comes from the following aquifer: Englishtown Aquifer System

This system can purchase water from the following water systems: Belmar Water Department, NJ Water Supply Authority, Spring Lake Heights Water Department

Susceptibility Ratings for Borough of Spring Lake Sources

The table below illustrates the susceptibility ratings for the seven contaminant categories (and radon) for each source in the system. The table provides the number of wells and intakes that rated high (H), medium (M), or low (L) for each contaminant category. For susceptibility ratings of purchased water, refer to the specific water system's source water assessment report.

The seven contaminant categories are defined at the bottom of this page. DEP considered all surface water highly susceptible to pathogens, therefore all intakes received a high rating for the pathogen category. For the purpose of Source Water Assessment Program, radionuclides are more of a concern for ground water than surface water. As a result, surface water intakes' susceptibility to radionuclides was not determined and they all received a low rating.

If a system is rated highly susceptible for a contaminant category, it does not mean a customer is or will be consuming contaminated drinking water. The rating reflects the potential for contamination of source water, not the existence of contamination. Public water systems are required to monitor for regulated contaminants and to install treatment if any contaminants are detected at frequencies and concentrations above allowable levels. As a result of the assessments, DEP may customize (change existing) monitoring schedules based on the susceptibility ratings.

Sources	Pathogens			Nutrients			Pesticides			Volatile Organic Compounds			Inorganics			Radionuclides			Radon			Disinfection Byproduct Precursors			
	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	
Wells - 3			3			3			3			3		3			3			3			3		

NJ Water Supply Authority – Manasquan Water Supply System - PWSID # NJ1352005

NJ Water Supply Authority - Manasquan System is a public community water system consisting of 2 surface water intakes.

This system's source water comes from the following surface water bodies: Manasquan Reservoir, Manasquan River

Susceptibility Ratings for NJ Water Supply Authority - Manasquan Water Supply System Sources

The table below illustrates the susceptibility ratings for the seven contaminant categories (and radon) for each source in the system. The table provides the number of wells and intakes that rated high (H), medium (M), or low (L) for each contaminant category. For susceptibility ratings of purchased water, refer to the specific water system's source water assessment report.

Sources	Pathogens			Nutrients			Pesticides			Volatile Organic Compounds			Inorganics			Radionuclides			Radon			Disinfection Byproduct Precursors		
	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L
Surface water intakes - 2	2				2			2			2			2			2			2	2			

- Pathogens:** Disease-causing organisms such as bacteria and viruses. Common sources are animal and human fecal wastes.
- Nutrients:** Compounds, minerals and elements that aid growth, that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include nitrogen and phosphorus.
- Volatile Organic Compounds:** Man-made chemicals used as solvents, degreasers, and gasoline components. Examples include benzene, methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), and vinyl chloride.
- Pesticides:** Man-made chemicals used to control pests, weeds and fungus. Common sources include land application and manufacturing centers of pesticides. Examples include herbicides such as atrazine, and insecticides such as chlordane.
- Inorganics:** Mineral-based compounds that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include arsenic, asbestos, copper, lead, and nitrate.
- Radionuclides:** Radioactive substances that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include radium and uranium.
- Radon:** Colorless, odorless, cancer-causing gas that occurs naturally in the environment. For more information go to <http://www.nj.gov/dep/ppr/radon/index.htm> or call (800) 648-0394.
- Disinfection Byproduct Precursors:** A common source is naturally occurring organic matter in surface water. Disinfection byproducts are formed when the disinfectants (usually chlorine) used to kill pathogens react with dissolved organic material (for example leaves) present in surface water.

Simple Tips to Help You Conserve Water INSIDE Your Home

[View Video of simple tips to help you conserve water inside your home.](#)

Here are some tips for saving water and money in the bathroom ...

- Update your shower with a low-flow showerhead and save up to 7,665 gallons and up to \$50 per year.
- Cut down the time you spend in the shower to 5 minutes ... and remember the suggestion of switching from baths to 5-minute showers and save 26,850 gallons and up to \$498 per year.
- Replace that old water guzzling toilet with a WaterSense low-flow version and save 10,986 gallons and up to \$70 per year.
- Get your family to turn the water off while brushing their teeth and save up to 11,680 gallons and up to \$75 per year.
- Update your faucet or attach an inexpensive faucet aerator to your existing one and save 15,622 gallons and up to \$100 per year.
- Fix a constantly running toilet and save up to \$480 per year.
- Install a Gate Tube Toilet Water Saver in your toilet tank and save up to 7,300 gallons and up to \$144 per year off your water and sewer bill. Homes with wells and septic systems may significantly reduce the load and demand of the well and septic field.

For the kitchen ...

- Only wash dishes when the dishwasher is full and save up to 2,920 gallons and up to \$19 per year.
- Replace the old dishwasher with a new high-efficiency model and save up to 1,514 gallons and up to \$8 per year.
- Use a faucet aerator and change to a low-flow faucet when possible and save up to 15,622 gallons and up to \$100.
- Store drinking water in the refrigerator instead of running the faucet until the water is cold.

And in the laundry room ...

- Upgrade to a high efficiency clothes washer and save up to 14,585 gallons and up to \$94 per year.
- Wash only full loads of clothing by adding until the washer is full and save up to 10,534 gallons and up to \$68 per year.
- Adjust the water setting level to correspond with the size of the wash load.

These few tips add up to more than 167,000 gallons and up to approximately \$1,500 a year for the family to save,

and enjoy.

**Calculations for water and money savings are based on estimated water use for a family of four with a water rate of \$6.50 per 1,000 gallons. Note: Water rates vary around the State.*

More Indoor Water-Saving Tips:

- Wash fruits and vegetables in a basin and not under running water
- Do not defrost frozen food under running water; instead thaw in the refrigerator overnight
- Add food wastes to your compost pile instead of using the garbage disposal
- Take care of household leaks and save up to 10% on your water bill
- To detect leaks, check your water meter before and after two hours of no water use

Simple Tips to Help You Conserve Water OUTSIDE Your Home

[Video of simple tips to help you conserve water outside your home.](#)

Here are some tips for saving water and money while watering lawns and landscapes ...

- Only water when needed. New Jersey landscapes need approximately one inch of water a week ... most of which often comes from natural rainfall
- Water flowers with rain collected from your roof with a barrel connected to your gutter downspout
- Use 30-50% less water with drip irrigation and micro-sprays compared to sprinklers
- If you have an irrigation system, get a system audit done by an irrigation specialist who is certified as a USEPA WaterSense Partner

Here are some tips for saving water and money in the Garden:

- Use native plants that survive best in local conditions, and group plants together based on water need
- Choose drought-tolerant grass varieties such as tall fescues
- Muck around trees and plants to reduce evaporation and water-consuming weeds
- Cut back on lawn areas and increase the size of low water using and native plant garden beds.

Here are some tips for saving water and money while doing household chores:

- Wash the car with a bucket, or use a commercial car wash that recycles water
- When using a hose, control the flow with an automatic shut-off nozzle
- Raise your lawn mower blade to at least 3 inches to promote deeper roots and root system shade that holds soil moisture best
- Don't over fertilize lawns as they need more water to survive
- Sweep driveways, sidewalks and steps rather than hosing them off

Here are some tips for saving water and money during recreational times:

- Avoid recreational toys that require a constant stream of water
- If you have a pool, remember to purchase a water-saving filter
- Cover your pool to reduce evaporation when not in use

More Outdoor Water-Saving Tips:

- You are over watering when puddles are forming on the landscape or in the street
- Do not water during the heat of the day - water in the early morning hours or early evening hours to reduce evaporation
- Save water and reduce diseases by watering the root zone instead of the foliage
- Water deeply, less frequently for a deeper, healthier root system
- Refer to these manuals for more ideas:
 - [Conserving Water on Home Lawns and Landscapes in New Jersey](#)
 - [Landscaping for Water Conservation](#)
 - [Low Maintenance Landscaping \(pdf\)](#)
- Add organic matter to the soil to improve water and nutrient-holding capacity for healthier plants
- Use dehumidifier and air-conditioner condensation to water your plants

Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water

A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings. You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.



As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.



Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.

- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.

- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.

- Recycle used motor oil.

- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.



Keep pollution out of storm drains

- Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.

- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

Clean up after your pet

- Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.

- An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.

- Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law. And remember to:

- Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.

- Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet.

- Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

Don't feed wildlife

- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.

- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.



Don't litter

- Place litter in trash receptacles.

- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.

- Participate in community cleanups.

Dispose of yard waste properly

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.

- If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.

- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.

- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.



Contact information

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org

Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps

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BOROUGH OF SPRING LAKE- FLOOD INFORMATION

The Borough of Spring Lake is participating with the Federal Insurance Agency in the "Community Rating System" which may result in the reduction of Federal flood insurance premiums for all Borough policyholders. We are required to notify all homeowners of this program and of the flooding potential in the Borough of Spring Lake.

Flood Hazards

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has classified some areas of the Borough of Spring Lake as a special flood hazard area, otherwise known as the 100-Year Flood Plain. As required by FEMA, flood maps have been developed for the Borough of Spring Lake. The maps show flood zones and the predicted elevations that a 100-year storm could reach or exceed.

Oceanfront properties are vulnerable to storm damage during severe northeasters and hurricane conditions. Flooding can come with little warning. Even though they appear to move slowly (three feet per second) a flood two feet deep can knock a man off his feet and float a car. Our dunes are considered important. They are our first line of defense against the onslaught of the incoming seas. Preserving those dunes is of the utmost importance. The Borough of Spring Lake maintains strict standards for dune restoration and preservation. Other properties that are susceptible border on the shores of Wreck Pond, Spring Lake and Lake Como. During the 1992 Northeaster certain streets at the southeast end of town experienced flooding over two feet, which did not completely dissipate for 48 hours.

Flood Insurance

Approximately fifteen percent of the Borough of Spring Lake homeowners carry Federal flood insurance. Keep in mind that the standard homeowner's insurance policy does not cover flood losses. In the regular Federal flood insurance programs, coverage of up to \$185,000 is available for single-family dwellings and up to \$250,000 for other residential dwellings. Up to \$60,000 contents coverage is available for the above. All homeowners are strongly urged to carry Federal flood insurance. Information on flood insurance may be obtained from your local insurance agent, or call the National Flood Insurance Program at 1-800-638-6620.

Flood Proofing

The best way to minimize storm damage to your home is to raise it on pilings so that the lowest habitable floor is at or above your base flood elevation. Current cost estimates for this varies from \$20,000 to \$25,000 and your flood insurance premiums could be significantly reduced. Another approach is to make your walls waterproof and place watertight closures over the doorways. This method is not recommended for houses with basements or if water will get over two feet deep. The inexpensive and easy task of installing flood vents in your home can also reduce storm damage. You may contact Albert Ratz, Jr., Construction Official at 732-449-0800.

Flood Services

The first thing you should do is check your flood hazard. The Spring Lake Library has publications dealing with flood-related topics, such as, flood proofing, elevated structures, flood maps, flood emergency and flood insurance. This information can be helpful if you are in a floodplain or have experienced a flood, drainage or sewer backup problem. You may call the Construction Official, Albert Ratz, Jr. if you have a question or need additional information.

What Can You Do?

Spring Lake depends on your cooperation and assistance. Please remember the Borough of Spring Lake has ordinances, which prohibit the disposal of litter upon any public or private property other than in a litter receptacle. It is also unlawful for a person to sweep into or deposit in any gutter, street, catch basin or other public place any accumulation of litter from any public or private sidewalk or driveway.

Always check with the Building Department before you build on, alter, re-grade or fill on your property to ensure that projects do not cause problems on other properties and to ascertain whether a permit is needed for work.

Flood Warning

When severe storms are forecast for the Borough of Spring Lake, radio stations WADB (95.9 FM) and WJLK (1310 AM-94.3 FM) and Monmouth Cable TV will broadcast emergency information. The AM Alert Radio Station 1640 will operate 24 hours a day and continuously broadcast NOAA weather radio updates. If evacuation is required an Emergency Network message will be sent and emergency personnel will use the P.A. systems on all emergency vehicles to alert and instruct residents. The Borough of Spring Lake has an Emergency Management Plan, which is under the supervision of Police Chief Edward Kerr.

Flood Safety

If someone in your home would need to be evacuated by ambulance, please notify the Health Department in advance. In an emergency, contact the Police if the Health Department does not have you on file. Knowing how high your property is above mean sea level will give you an idea how vulnerable your property is to storm damage. Your FLOOD ELEVATION CERTIFICATE or property survey may have this information.

The Federal Insurance Administration suggests the following action when coastal storms or hurricanes are imminent:

1. **Turn off all electrical power at panel** - Some appliances such as television sets, keep electrical charges even after they have been unplugged. Don't use appliances or motors that have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned and dried.
2. **Close main gas valve** - Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless you know the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.
3. **Move household items to the highest level you can** - Also cardboard boxes and newspapers, as these materials disintegrate and will clog drains and vents
4. **Keep a full tank of gas**
5. **Do not walk through flowing water** - Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths, mostly during flash floods. Currents can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet.
6. **Stay away from power lines and electrical wires** - The number two flood killer after drowning is electrocution. Electrical current can travel through water. Report downed power lines to power company.

If you evacuate your home, here are some essential items you should take: First Aid Supplies, Cell Phone, Prescription Medication, Supply of Non-Perishable Food, Batteries (Hearing aid, flashlight), Battery-operated Portable Radio, Blankets, Dry Clothing - Especially Shoes and Socks, Important Papers, Bank and Check Books, Valuable and Cherished Items, Games for Children and Adults.

The ASBURY PARK PRESS reported that eighty percent of those living on the coast had never experienced a hurricane. DO NOT BE COMPLACENT. Resolve to make your emergency plans now, and evacuate as soon as you are told.

**For further information on this subject, the construction department may be reached at
732-449-0800 ext. 608.**