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Reports from the Commissioners



COMMISSIONER Janell Giordano



Spring is in the air and warmer weather is coming! When people start to enjoy the outdoors more, it means we use more water. . . Whether it be the opening of swimming pools and sprinklers systems or washing cars. The good news is there are some easy practices to lower your summer water bills. All sprinkler system should be checked for leaks and have control clocks set for once a day, every other day. You can also save money by upgrading to a smart Wi-Fi clock, which are EPA-certified, to help conserve water by watering only when necessary. Lastly, check all outside hose connections to ensure they are shut off after use and have no leaks.

COMMISSIONER Brian Hassan



Although Albertson Water District is undertaking a lot of new projects, we strive to make sure that only necessary infrastructure improvements are being installed. These allow us to meet federal, state and local mandated limits. In addition, Albertson Water District applies for every grant available, so it can offset the cost of these new treatment and infrastructure improvements.

COMMISSIONER Emmanoyil Vlepakis



High water bills caused by leaks can be avoided if homeowners keep these few tips in mind! Believe it or not, the top culprit of a leak is usually the toilet bowl. . . You can check your toilets by hearing or seeing water moving in the bowl. If not fixed, these leaks can cause a two-to-three time increase in a water bill.

Next is sprinkler system leaks. . . You can look for leaks in your sprinkler system by checking your lawn for excessive water pooling or muddy areas. You should check for these once a week from when you first open the system to when you close it.

Finally, check all faucets in your home for any drips or leaks. These can be checked by simply observing water dripping from a fixture. Over time, a drip will slowly get worse until it is noticeable on you water bill. If you check all the bathrooms and kitchens in your house periodically, you can stay on top of your home's plumbing and help us conserve water, while avoiding a high bill.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

UPDATE

Well #4 GAC facility has been operational for 2 years now with no complications. The GACs are doing their job of removing PFOA, PFOS. The District anticipates that the current filter will last another one-to-two years before having to change out the granulated carbon media.

Despite a frigid winter with multiple feet of snowfall, the new AOP and GAC project at Well 3A is on schedule! The building is up and GAC filters are installed. The District is hoping to have this site partially operational by the summer, and then substantial completion by summer of 2027. The AOP uses UV treatment for the removal of 1,4-Dioxane, and the GAC filters use granulated activated carbon for the removal of PFAS, PFOS.

The Well # 1 project of installing GACs is underway and is expected to break ground soon. This project is expected to take two years to complete, but the District is going to construct the GAC building without shutting down Well #1 since it has not exceeded the MCL of PFOA, PFOS at this site. There should only be a short shutdown period to make connections for the GAC building to our existing Well # 1 treatment plant.

Well # 5 is still in the design period and is expected to start some time in 2029. The District is looking into a temporary GAC set up using our existing operations. Similarly to Well # 1, the District can operate and construct the new treatment facility with very little down time. The PFOA, PFOS at this site have not exceeded the MCL, but with the expected changes in what is allowable, the District wants to be prepared so we can stay ahead of the drinking water standards.



Well #4



Well #3 AOP Project



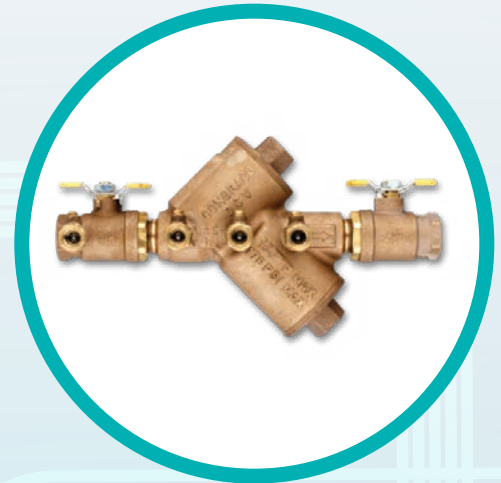
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BACKFLOW PREVENTION & COMPLIANCE

Starting in 2026, all installation of backflow prevention devices will require a fully completed application (DOH-347) accompanied by plans prepared by a New York State Engineer or registered architect. These plans will then be sent to us for review, followed by the owner or agent then submitting the prepared plans to the Nassau County Department of Health and paying them a plan review fee. Once the Nassau County Board of Health approves the prepared plans, the device can then be installed. Please allow for this added time of review when planning new water services, sprinkler systems, or anything that requires a backflow prevention device.



Results Must be Submitted via TrackMyBackflow.com

The Albertson Water District has partnered with Aqua Backflow to assist with its backflow program operations. The District will be utilizing the TrackMyBackflow.com tracking website, which will alert customers when backflow testing is due, as well as how to submit the proper paperwork to the District.

- The District will no longer be accepting backflow test results directly.
- All backflow test results must be submitted to TrackMyBackflow.com.
- The District is incurring any costs to submit tests to the Aqua Backflow program.

All local certified backflow inspectors have been notified of this change. When hiring a backflow tester, be sure to verify they are connected to us through Aqua Backflow and will submit your test results to the District through TrackMyBackflow.com

For a link to the form and more information on compliance, or for a list of certified testers, visit:
albertsonwater.org/backflow.

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Hydrant Flushing to Begin in June

The District plans on flushing hydrants beginning in June. All consumers will receive notice of a start date.

It's not uncommon to experience discolored water after a water main repair, hydrant flushing, large fire, or the illegal opening of a fire hydrant. While it may be alarming, try these steps before contacting the District with a potential concern.

- ✓ **The District recommends that you flush your home's plumbing by first running the cold water tap in the kitchen sink or a slop sink.**
- ✓ **Once that clears, move on to bathrooms, performing the same task. Flush the toilets, run the sink and shower until this clearing of the cold water is complete.**
- ✓ **If necessary, move on to the hot water. In most cases, if this procedure is followed, the water will become clear.**

If the problem continues, wait one hour and repeat.

