

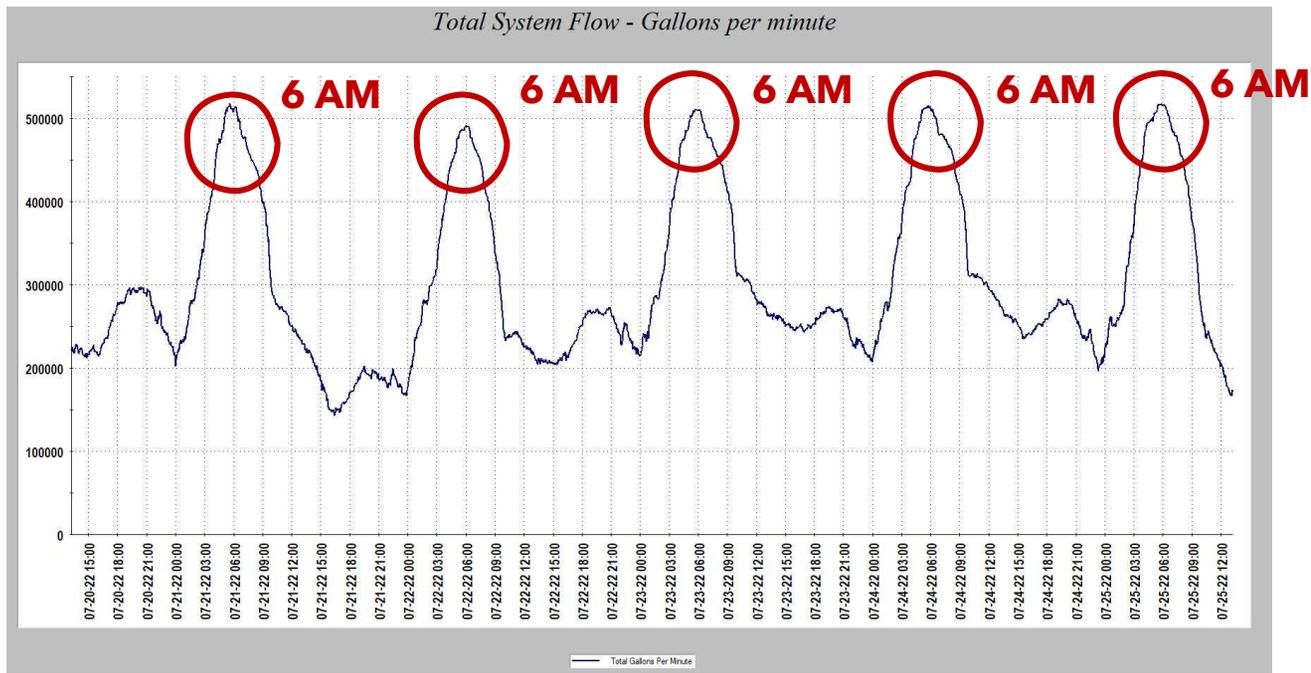
SUFFOLK COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

# Water Conservation Update



# Suffolk County Water Authority experienced extremely high demand in the summer of 2022...

Hot Weather and low precipitation drove demand to extremely high levels, driven largely by irrigation.



# SCWA Is Enhancing our Water Conservation Plan



## SHORT TERM GOALS

Increase Water Wise Account Credits:

| Water-Saving Device         | Current Water Wise Credit  | Proposed Water Wise Credit |
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| Smart Irrigation Controller | \$50                       | \$150                      |
| Rain Sensors                | \$50                       | \$75                       |
| EPA WaterSense Showerheads  | \$10                       | \$20                       |
| EPA Faucet Aerator          | \$10                       | \$15                       |
| Leak Detecting Valve        | \$50                       | \$100                      |
| Pool cover                  | <i>New credit proposal</i> | \$75                       |
| Pressure Regulator          | <i>New credit proposal</i> | \$100                      |
| Rain Barrel                 | <i>New credit proposal</i> | \$75                       |

Increase credit threshold to \$250 per household to be renewed every three years

Pilot odd/even irrigation mandate in a village

- Southampton Village & Southold Town are working with SCWA to adopt local mandates

Implement an additional conservation tier above current two-tier structure



## IMMEDIATE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

- SCWA Board adopt new odd/even watering policy
  - Effective every year May through September
  - Houses may only water on odd or even days depending on their address
- No watering between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM on any day during the May to September period
- SCWA staff must give a report to SCWA Board annually on the effectiveness of this new policy
- SCWA Board adopt new Water Wise Account Credit amendments

# New and enhanced account credits on water saving devices are now available

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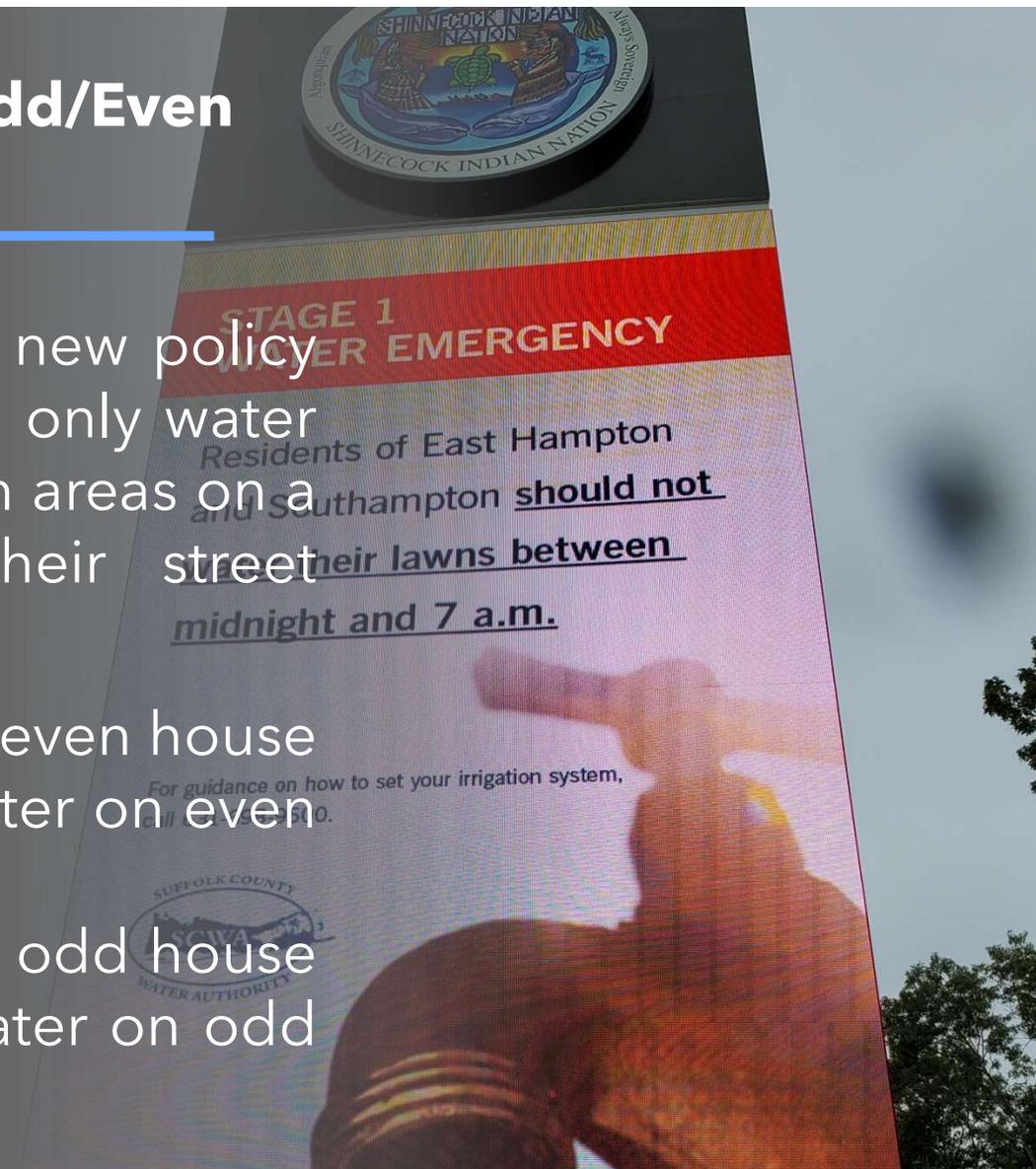
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## The SCWA Board Adopted an Odd/Even Watering Policy

The SCWA Board has adopted a new policy that instructs all our customers to only water their lawns, gardens, and common areas on a calendar date that matches their street address.

- If you live at a home with an even house number, you should only water on even calendar days
- If you live at a home with an odd house number, you should only water on odd calendar days



## **We need Towns and Villages to be a part of this effort**

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SCWA's does not have a mechanism to enforce this change. Although we will make this part of our messaging, it can only go so far.

**We need Towns and Villages to join us in the effort to conserve water!**



## Adopt a local ordinance that...

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- Require that all residents adhere to the Odd/Even watering policy
- Enforce that policy through your local code enforcement department
- Prohibit watering on any days between the hours of 10 am to 4 pm

