

# “THE PUDDLE”

THE NORTH KINGSTOWN DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY NEWSLETTER

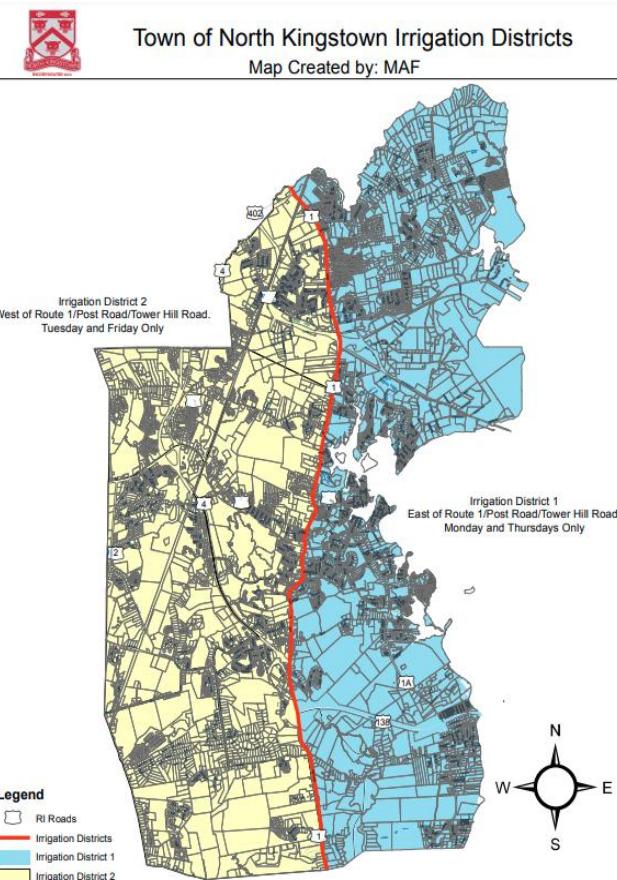
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## 2024 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) Now Available Online

The North Kingstown Water Department recently published our annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for the year 2024 (January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024). The CCR is an annual water quality report that a community water system provides to its customers each year. If you are the owner of a multi-family dwelling or an apartment building, please make this CCR available to your tenants.

We highly recommend that you review your water quality report each year to better understand your tap water. If you have any questions regarding your CCR you can call Justin Blair or Alan Austin at 268-1520, Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30. The CCR is available on the Town of North Kingstown website at: <https://www.northkingstownri.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10552/2024-Consumer-Confidence-Report-PDF>

## North Kingstown Utilities Ordinance Amendment – Sprinkler System Usage



The North Kingstown Town Council adopted an amendment to the Utilities Ordinance in the early 2000's. This amendment restricts the irrigation of lawns and landscaping for properties using irrigation (sprinkler) systems to two (2) days per week. Our ability to provide municipal water and fire service is dependent on publicly promoting effective policies to reduce peak demand and other wasteful uses of our potable water supply.

The irrigation of lawns and landscaping, using sprinkler systems, is restricted from July 1 through September 1 in accordance with the following conditions:

- Irrigation District 1: Sprinkler use is allowed on Monday and Thursday only
- Includes all North Kingstown water customers located to the east of Route 1 / Post Road / Tower Hill Road.
- Irrigation District 2: Sprinkler use allowed on Tuesday and Friday only
- Includes all North Kingstown water customers located to the west of Route 1 / Post Road / Tower Hill Road.
- No sprinkler operation will be permitted in any district between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. or on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday
- Hand watering of flowers and / or vegetable gardens is permitted at any time.

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## Rain Barrel Discount Program in Partnership with Wickford Lumber

The North Kingstown Water Department and Conservation Commission have partnered with Wickford Lumber again this year to provide a \$75 discount toward the purchase of 50 rain barrels (limited 1 rain barrel per North Kingstown resident.) They are located at 434 Tower Hill Road and typically have three different models in stock to choose from. Buy yours today!

Rain barrels are an important part of a stormwater-friendly yard care routine. A rain barrel collects and stores rainwater that would normally flow off a rooftop and into storm drains. That stored water can then be used later, usually to water lawns or for other outdoor water uses. Typical rain barrels are composed of a 55-gallon drum, vinyl hose, PVC couplings, and a screen to prevent insects or other debris from getting caught in the barrel.

Rain barrels help reduce stormwater pollution by keeping stormwater out of storm drains, and they conserve water- which helps to save our precious resource. Residential water use increases 40% to 50% during summer months, mostly due to outdoor water use. Just one inch of rainwater can generate up to 620 gallons on a 1,000 square foot roof- easily filling a rain barrel. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates a rain barrel will save most homeowners about 1,300 gallons of water during the peak summer months.

