

### **Save Water On Your Home Turf**

As summer fades into fall, we want to remind customers to continue to save water on their home turf!

Saving water is still important after the summer heat.

There are many ways you can help save water at home — starting with your lawn:

Game plan with smart watering techniques and WaterSense-labeled irrigation equipment. Switching to the WaterSense label can help save water, energy & money.

Even if you don't want to make the switch, you should make sure your irrigation system is working efficiently. That means periodically checking for leaks, making sure that water is directed to plants and the lawn (avoiding the road, sidewalk and driveway), and making sure your system has a working rain gauge.

Remember: Hilton Head town ordinance limits water use for irrigation to no more than twice per week. All irrigation systems are also required to have a working rain gauge.

You can also keep up the water savings this fall by following these quick tips:

□Only run full loads in the dishwasher & washing machine

□Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth

Take shorter showers (aim for 5 minutes)

□ Recycle water from rinsing produce/unfinished drinking glasses to water your plants

□ Regularly check your home for leaks

Shop the WaterSense Label

### **Client Portal Highlight: Leak Alerts**

Have you explored our new client portal yet?

One of our favorite features of the new portal is the "leak alert."

The portal will send you a notification if your water usage



indicates a possible water leak in your home.

It might be flagged simply because you used a lot more water in the past month than usual. Bills that are way higher than normal can be a good indication of a leak in the home.

If you do discover a leak and promptly get it fixed by a plumber, save the receipt! You may be eligible for a leak adjustment.

Learn More





### hhpsd.com/connect-now/

Don't wait 'til your septic system breaks to get connected to public sewer on Hilton Head Island.

Because sewer connections are now available to all of the island, you cannot repair a failing septic tank.

And a leaking tank is hazardous to your health — and the environment.

If finances are holding you back, financial aid is still available. There are also a multitude of payment plans.

Connect Now

# **Peak Hurricane Season is here**

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The Atlantic Hurricane Season typically peaks between mid-August and September.

Hurricane activity has been ramping up over the last few weeks.

Make sure you're prepared in case a storm does head our way: Keep a stocked emergency kit in your home, and have a plan.

### STAY PREPARED THIS HURRICANE SEASON



Your plan should include knowing your zone and evacuation routes so you're not scrambling if an evacuation order is issued.

Make sure your emergency kit includes your pets' needs as well — food, water, any medications and maybe a few comfort items like a blanket or toy.

And when you're preparing your "go-bag" in case of an evacuation, your pets' paperwork (especially vaccination records) should go in with your important paperwork!

You should also make sure you have an evacuation plan in place that includes your pets. Most shelters do not allow pets, so you'll need to find a pet-friendly hotel or plan to stay with a friend or family member. Hotels are not required to allow pets during an evacuation, though many pet-friendly hotels will waive their pet fees.

Learn more with our Hurricane Season 101 guide by clicking the button below:

View Our Hurricane 101 Guide



# HELP KEEP OUR BEACHES CLEAN THIS INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP DAY

September 17 is International Coastal Cleanup Day.

If you're spending that Sunday on the beach, consider bringing a trash bag & gloves with you. Then spend a little time walking the beach and picking up any trash you see along the way (if it's safe to do so).

Keeping our beaches clean helps protect our wildlife and keeps our waterways clean.

Please always pick up any trash you bring to the beach — and remember to fill in holes, knock down sandcastles, and bring all beach gear with you at the end of the day as well! These steps help protect our nesting sea turtles.

If you'd like to participate in a group clean up instead, consider joining the Sea Pines Beach Sweep this Friday, September 15. View the event details by clicking the button below.

Sea Pines Beach Sweep

## World Water Monitoring Day is September 18

September 18 is World Water Monitoring Day.

The goal is to build public awareness and involvement in protecting water resources around the world by engaging citizens to conduct basic monitoring of their local waterbodies.

If you'd like to participate — or view online reports — head to <u>monitorwater.org</u>.



Participate in the EarthEcho Water Challenge to help protect our water.

Learn more at monitorwater.org

## **Community Happenings**



#### **Annual Chili Cookoff**

The Kiwanis Chili Cookoff is just a few weeks away!

This event is a super fun way the Hilton Head Kiwanis help raise money for local charities.

Hilton Head PSD competes as a cooking team every year, and has a blast doing so!

We hope to see you there! Learn more here.

### **Hilton Head PSD Affiliations**

We are proud to partner with the following organizations.

