

# HARBOR VIEWS

LITTLE EGG HARBOR MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

MAY 2025

## MINOR RATE INCREASE IN 2025

In continuation of the Authority's commitment to replacing critical infrastructure, another large portion of Mystic Island water and sewer main replacement, as well as services will be the next major undertaking, and is anticipated to begin construction shortly. The following streets to be fully renovated for this phase will include: West Playhouse Drive, Spar Court, Tiller Court, North and South Captains Drive, Ship Drive, Staysail Drive, North and South Forecastle Drive, North and South Commodore Drive, and North and South Binnacle Drive. This will be the single largest project that the Authority has ever done.

The Authority is happy to report that eight streets off of Twin Lakes Blvd. were recently completed on time and under budget. As you are aware, the next work will be the drainage and final paving to be completed by the Township, once NJNG completes their upgrades. For now, the Authority has fully completed this project. Once again, the Authority appreciates your understanding and patience throughout this entire delayed process. **Cooperation, understanding, and patience during the construction of our next project mentioned above will be very important with the understanding that traffic will be an issue that cannot be avoided.**

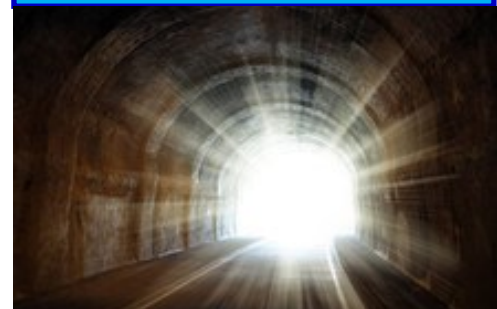
With these necessary projects, the Authority will continue to assume additional debt. In order to balance our budget as well as prepare for the new debt service, a minor rate increase of \$16.00 per year (\$4.00 per quarter) will occur in July of 2025. Once this new phase is completed, these four phases will account for over 45% replacement of the entire infrastructure within our system. Property values continue to increase, fire safety has improved with the addition of hydrants, and as promised, rate stability will ultimately happen as a result of this work being performed.



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## *LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL*



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**WE ARE PLEASED TO  
ANNOUNCE THAT WE  
HAVE NO ISSUES WITH  
PFOA, PFOS, and PFAAs  
IN OUR WATER SYSTEM WHICH  
REQUIRES ANY TREATMENT  
OR REMOVAL!**





## INFORMATION ABOUT PFAS from Wikipedia ©

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (also **PFAS**, **PFAAs**, and sometimes referred to as "**forever chemicals**".) **These are** synthetic chemical compounds numbering nearly 7 million varieties. PFAS came into use with the invention of Teflon in 1938 to make coatings and products that resist heat, oil, stains, grease, and water. They are now used in products including waterproof fabrics like Nylon, yoga pants, carpets, feminine hygiene products, mobile phone screens, wall paint, furniture, adhesives, food packaging, and heat-resistant non-stick cookware surface Teflon. PFAS are also used in cosmetics and personal care products, including foundation, concealer, lip balm, lipstick, blush, nail polish and hair care products.

Many PFAS such as PFOS and PFOA pose health and environmental concerns because they are persistent organic pollutants; they were branded as "forever chemicals" in an article in *The Washington Post*, 2018. Some have half-lives of over eight years. They move through soils and accumulate in fish and wildlife, which are eaten. Residues are now commonly found in rain, drinking water, and wastewater. Since PFAS compounds are highly mobile, they are readily absorbed through human skin and through tear ducts, and such products on lips are often unwittingly ingested. Due to the large number of PFAS products it is challenging to study and assess the potential human health, and environmental concerns.

## FUTURE PROJECTS

**Year 2026**

**Replacement of Pump Station #7 at Atlantis.**

**Cost: 1.3 million**

**Construction of New Water Storage Tank**

**Cost: 1.3 million**

**DATE TBD: East and West Schuylkill Drive, East and West Hudson Drive, and East and West Navasink Drive, East Pimlico, Ramapo Road, Walkill Road, Toms Court and Columbia Road water and sewer mains and service connection replacements.**

**2025 Cost per gallon locally:**

**Gallon of Gas: \$3.07 Dollars**

**Gallon of Whole Milk: \$4.03 Dollars**

**Gallon of Paint: \$26.47 Dollars**

**Gallon of Water: \$1.43 Dollars**

**YOUR COST PER  
GALLON OF WATER**

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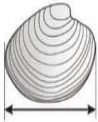
## **ALWAYS CALL THE AUTHORITY FIRST!**

Once again, if you have a sewer backup or suspect a water leak call the Authority **FIRST** at (609) 296-1168 or our service number (609) 296-7606. Staff will be dispatched 24/7. An evaluation will be performed and you will be advised whether the cause is one that needs to be taken care of by the Authority or if it is the responsibility of you as the property owner.



# WAYS TO SAVE WATER.....

1. Install Water Saving Devices.
2. Check for leaks in pipes, sinks and faucets.
3. Plant drought-tolerant plants.
4. Take shorter showers.
5. Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator to avoid running the tap until the water is cold.
6. Use automatic dishwasher for full loads only.
7. If you wash dishes by hand don't leave the water running.
8. Water your lawn only when needed and Deep-Soak your lawn when you do.
9. Water during cooler parts of the day.
10. Collect Rainwater for future use,
11. Use a broom to clean driveway or sidewalk.
12. Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants.



**Hard Clam**  
1.5 inches  
Recreational Limit = 150 clams  
No harvest on Sunday  
Shellfish license required



**Summer Flounder (Fluke)**  
**Delaware Bay & Tributaries:**  
3 fish at 17 inches  
**Island Beach State Park:**  
2 fish at 16 inches  
**All Other Marine Waters:**  
3 fish at 18 inches  
**Open Season: May 4 – Sept 25**



**Weakfish**  
1 fish at 13 inches  
**Open Season: Jan 1 – Dec 31**



**Black Sea Bass**  
10 fish at 12.5 inches May 17 – June 19  
1 fish at 12.5 inches July 1 – Aug 31  
10 fish at 12.5 inches Oct 1 – Oct 31  
15 fish at 12.5 inches Nov 1 – Dec 31



**Bluefish**  
Private/Shore Angler – 3 fish  
For-Hire Vessel – 5 fish  
**Open Season: Jan 1 – Dec 31**

## ATTENTION ANGLERS

2024 NJ Recreational Size Limits,  
Possession Limits and Seasons

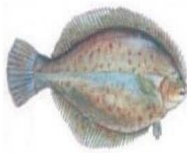
\* Fish are measured from tip of snout to tip of tail (except Black Sea Bass and Sharks).  
\* Cleaning or filleting of fish with a minimum size limit while at sea is prohibited.



**Tautog**  
15 inches  
4 fish Jan 1 – Feb 28  
4 fish Apr 1 – Apr 30  
1 fish Aug 1 – Nov 15  
5 fish Nov 16 – Dec 31



**Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass**  
1 fish at 28 inches to 31 inches  
See Marine Digest for Striped Bass Bonus Program, circle hook requirements and gaff prohibition.  
**Delaware River & Tributaries Calhoun St Bridge, Trenton to Salem River & Tributaries:**  
Open Mar 1 – Mar 31 and June 1 – Dec 31  
**Atlantic Ocean:**  
0-3 miles from shore, no closed season  
Greater than 3 miles from shore, closed  
**All Other Marine Waters:**  
Open Mar 1 – Dec 31



**Winter Flounder**  
2 fish at 12 inches  
**Open Season: Mar 1 – Dec 31**



**Shark**  
1 fish per vessel  
See NMFS for size, season and gear restrictions

**PROHIBITED SPECIES**  
See the Marine Digest or  
[njfishandwildlife.com](http://njfishandwildlife.com) for a complete list!

Other Species	Possession Limit/Season	Total Length
American Eel	25	9"
Black Drum	3	16"
Cobia	1 per vessel	37"
Cod	5 fish: Jan 1 - May 31 & Sept 1 - Dec 31	23"
Haddock	No Limit	18"
King Mackerel	3	23"
Pollock	No Limit	19"
Red Drum	1	18" to less than 27"
River Herring	CLOSED	N/A
Scup (Porgy)	30 fish: Jan 1 - June 30 & Sept 1 - Dec 31	10"
Shad	6 combined	No Limit
*No more than 2 American shad in Del Bay, River & Tributaries		
*Zero American shad in all other waters		
Spanish Mackerel	10	14"
American Lobster	6	3 3/8" to 5 1/4" carapace length
*LMA 4 Open Season: Jan 1 - Apr 29 & June 1 - Dec 31		
*LMA 5 Open Season: Jan 1 - Jan 31 & April 1 - Dec 31		
Jonah Crab	50	4 3/4" carapace width



**Blue Crab**  
(measured point to point)  
Peeler or Shedder – 3 inches  
Soft – 3 1/2 inches  
Hard – 4 1/2 inches  
Recreational Limit = One Bushel  
**Crab Pot/Trot Line Seasons**  
**Delaware Bay & Tributaries:**  
Apr 6 – Dec 4  
**All Other Waters:**  
Mar 15 – Nov 30

Register before fishing!  
It's free, easy, and required.  
[SaltwaterRegistry.nj.gov](http://SaltwaterRegistry.nj.gov)



This publication is a summary of the New Jersey recreational fishing regulations at the time of publication. It is not the full law.



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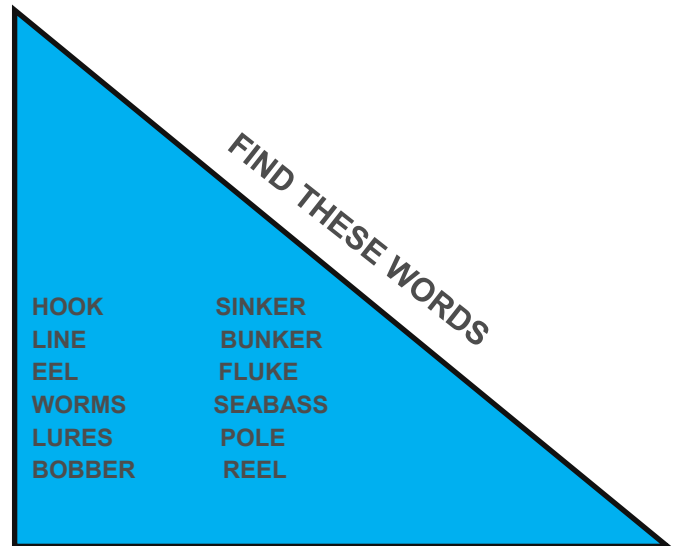
# Don't RUSH TO FLUSH!

Even if a product  
says it is  
“flushable” unless  
it is toilet paper it  
will never flush  
properly and  
ultimately cause a  
backup which will  
always cost  
money!

## FISH ITEMS

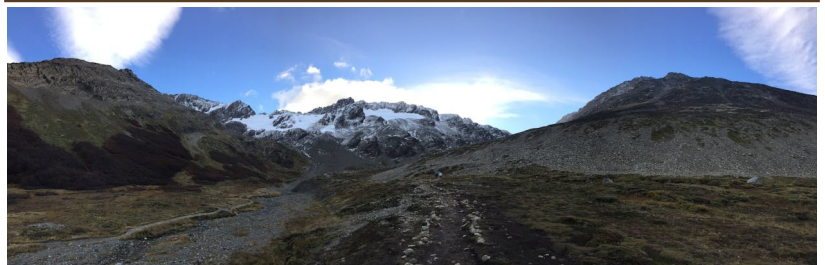
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“SOMETIMES YOU  
FORGET YOU’RE  
AWESOME SO THIS IS  
YOUR REMINDER.”

ANONYMOUS



## PREDICTIONS:

- ♦ 17 named storms
- ♦ 9 Hurricanes
- ♦ 4 Major Hurricanes
- ♦ ACE\* Index of 155 (26% above average)

### Factors Influencing the Forecast:

- ♦ Warm Atlantic sea surface temperatures
- ♦ Weakening La Nina transitioning to a neutral phase by summer
- ♦ Lack of hurricane-suppressing El Nino

### Other Notable Points:

- ♦ The season could start early: with the chance of a named storm developing before the start on June 1st.
- ♦ The peak of the hurricane season typically falls on September 10th.
- ♦ The 2025 Atlantic hurricane season is expected to be similar to the “supercharged” 2024 season

\* ACE definition: Accumulated Cyclone Energy, a metric that measures the combined strength and duration of tropical cyclones during a season by summing the squares of their maximum sustained wind speeds recorded every six hours while at least tropical storm strength.



# VERY IMPORTANT

IF YOU PAY BY ONLINE BANKING, YOUR CHECK MAY TAKE UP TO 7 DAYS TO ARRIVE AT OUR OFFICE BASED ON WHERE IT IS MAILED FROM. THE DATE YOU PAY ONLINE IS NOT THE DATE WE RECEIVE PAYMENT AND POST IT. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT DURING FOURTH QUARTER BILLING. THIS YEAR IF THE AUTHORITY RECEIVES YOUR CHECK AFTER NOVEMBER 10TH 2025 LATER THAN 4:00 P.M., WE HAVE NO CHOICE AS THE CHECK MUST BE RETURNED TO YOU BY STATE STATUTE. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOUR HOUSE WILL BE GOING UP FOR SALE IMMEDIATELY FOR NON-PAYMENT. YOU WILL HAVE MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO BRING YOUR ACCOUNT CURRENT HOWEVER IT MUST BE SATISFIED WITH THE TOWNSHIP TAX OFFICE. IF NOT PAID, IT WILL THEN GO THROUGH THE FULL TAX SALE PROCESS. PLEASE AVOID THIS BY PAYING BEFORE THE DUE DATE AND ALLOWING FOR THE U.S. MAIL SERVICE AND POSSIBLE DELAYS.

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