



# December Newsletter

Stuff That Stocking With Savings



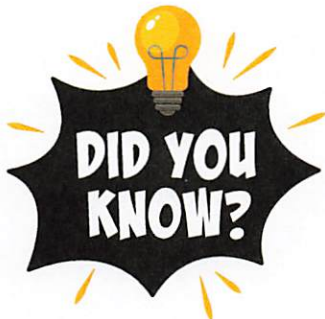
## NSID HIGHLIGHTS

### FLORIDA STATE GUARD



### RESCUE. RESPOND. SERVE.

North Springs Improvement District was awarded for unwavering commitment and support of the Maritime Response Squadron of the Florida State Guard in 2024.



Did you know NSID's drinking water is FREE of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly known as PFAS or "forever chemicals"?



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### Hosting for the Holiday Tips!

Hosting family for the holidays is wonderful! Let's conserve water by running the dishwasher only when it's full. Energy Star-certified dishwashers use about **3-4 gallons per cycle**, much less than the **27 gallons** required for hand washing. Remember to dispose of food scraps properly, too!

Together, we can be Water-Smarter with Finn while enjoying our celebrations. Find out other ways you and your family can help conserve water.

### What's the perfect gift for the do-it-yourselfer in your home? A Water Sense labeled product!



Give the gift of water savings this holiday season. WaterSense-labeled products are certified to use **20%** less water, making them the perfect gift for the whole family.

Check out Finn's recommendations for gifts.

### Starting the New Year!

Start the new year with WaterSmart savings! Take the "I'm for Water" pledge to save water every month throughout 2025.

Join Finn in 2025 to discover how to save water with WaterSmarter.



## What are "Forever Chemicals?"

- Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are synthetic chemicals commonly found in various consumer, commercial, and industrial products.
- PFAS are widely used chemicals that break down slowly over time and can build up in people, animals, and the environment.
- PFAS can be found worldwide in water, air, fish, and soil.
- Research has linked PFAS to harmful health effects in both humans and animals.
- Ongoing studies indicate that long-term exposure to these substances may lead to serious health issues, including cancer.

## How can we be exposed?

Drinking water – in public drinking water systems and private drinking water wells.

## Does NSID water contain "PFAS?"

- NSID's water system is free of PFAS.
- NSID's advanced water treatment technology is designed to effectively remove any PFAS that may be identified in the future.
- NSID takes pride in its accomplishments, having received multiple prestigious awards for its water plant, including the Water Excellence Award from the State of Florida.

*For more information on PFAS, please visit [EPA.gov](http://EPA.gov)*

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### **Bathroom Sink Faucets and Accessories**



Here are several options to improve the water efficiency of your bathroom sink faucet:

1. Upgrade older models to a WaterSense faucet.
2. Install a WaterSense aerator or accessory for a high-efficiency bathroom sink faucet.

### **Toilets**

Toilets are the major source of indoor water use, making up nearly **30%** of an average home's consumption.

Gift or upgrade to a WaterSense toilet and save over 20% more water than the current federal standard of 1.6 gallons per flush- that's nearly 13,000 gallons of water savings each year and over \$170 in annual costs, totaling \$3,400 over the toilets' lifetime.



### **Showerheads**



**Did you know....**showering accounts for nearly **17%** of indoor residential water use, totaling about **40 gallons per day** for an average family?

Water-saving showerheads with the WaterSense label use a maximum of 2.0 gallons per minute and provide a superior shower experience. Installing these showerheads can **save** an average family up to **2,700 gallons of water annually**.



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### Weather-Based Irrigation Controllers



According to the EPA, over 28 million U.S. homes use clock-based in-ground sprinkler systems, which often go unadjusted for seasonal changes or plant needs.

WaterSense irrigation controllers are "smart" devices that use local weather data to optimize watering schedules, helping homeowners save money, time, and water.

If every home with an automatic sprinkler system installed a **WATERSENSE LABELED** irrigation controller, we could save

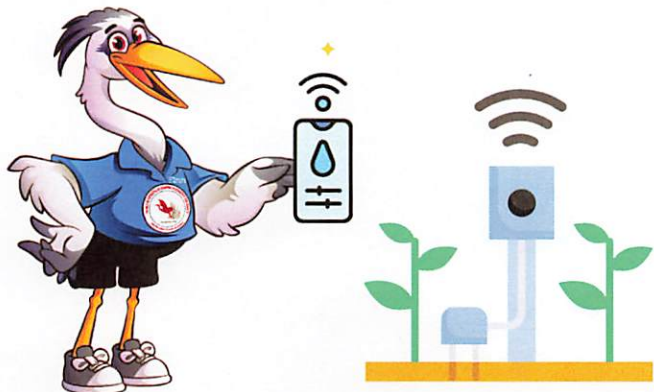
By switching from a standard clock-based controller to a WaterSense-labeled one can **save** an average home nearly **7,600 gallons of water each year.**



### Soil Moisture-Based Irrigation Controllers

Soil moisture-based irrigation controllers (SMSs) are an effective alternative to clock-based systems. They adjust irrigation schedules based on actual soil moisture levels, reducing water waste and promoting plant health by overriding scheduled watering as needed.

Installing a WaterSense-labeled smart irrigation system can save an average home with more than 15,000 gallons of water each year with automatic landscape irrigation.





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To keep water usage in check and hopefully save on water bills, here are some tips to consider this holiday season:

### Thaw Frozen Foods Without Water

When preparing for your holiday dinner, consider conserving water by thawing your food without running the faucet. Thawing food without using water can save up to 4 gallons per minute.



### Avoid Hand Washing Dishes

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### Use One Glass Per Day

The holidays can create a lot of dirty dishes, especially in larger families. To save time and reduce water usage, encourage each family member to use just one glass or reusable water bottle each day. Assigning a unique cup or bottle to everyone can help prevent the constant grabbing of new ones.

### Take Shorter Showers

Bathroom usage can be challenging during family holiday visits. To conserve water, take shorter showers, which will allow more people to use hot water.

### Check for Leaks



Increased traffic in your home and greater use of plumbing systems increase the chances of issues. Even a minor problem, like a faulty toilet flapper, can waste up to 200 gallons of water per hour. Before the family comes over, inspect your plumbing and pipes, including the toilet tank and water meter, for leaks.

### Use the right size pots and pans

Use appropriately sized pots and pans for cooking; larger pots may require more water than necessary for the food being prepared, such as boiling potatoes.

