

VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES

AND THE NEW ZIP CODE IS ...

HOFFMAN ESTATES ZIP CODE CHANGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006

The area of Hoffman Estates located south of Interstate 90 (I-90) and east of IL Route. 59, which currently has a ZIP Code of either 60194 or 60195 will have a new ZIP Code beginning July 1, 2006. That new ZIP Code will be 60169. For more information related to the planned ZIP Code changes and why they are needed, read Mayor McLeod's Message on Page 4.

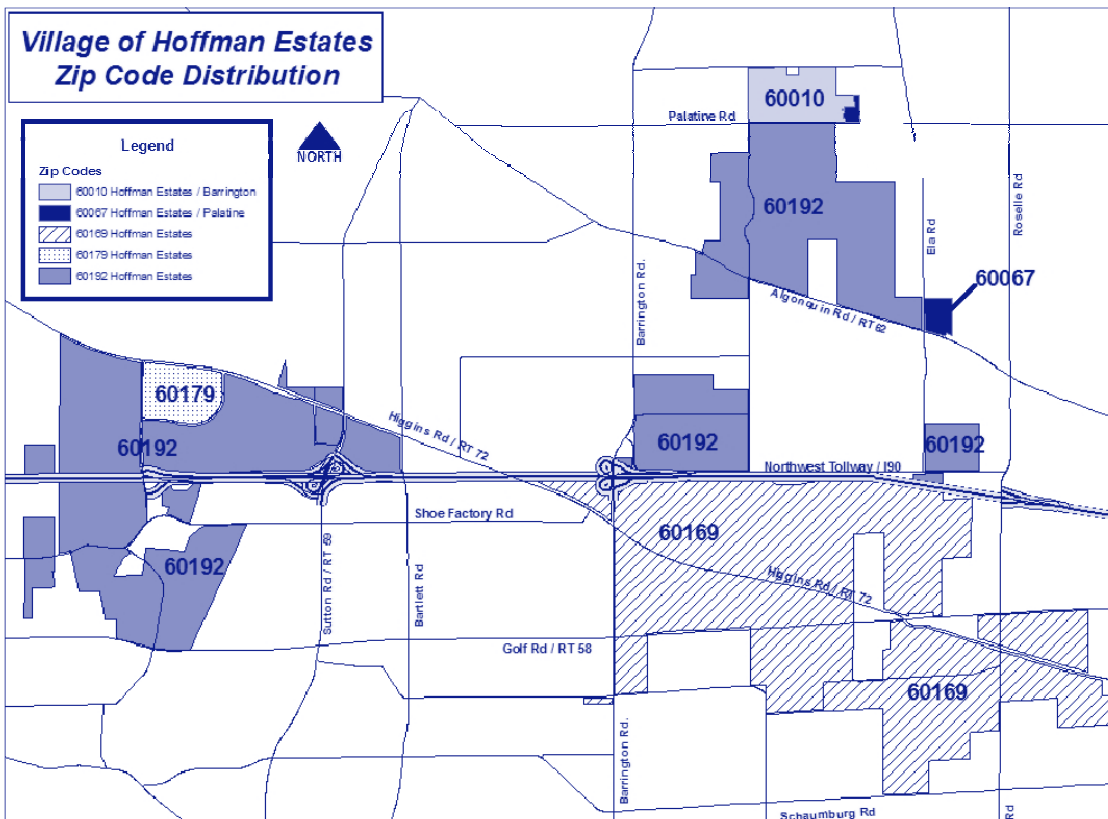
Since 60169 is an entirely new ZIP Code, it is important that you **do not use the new ZIP code prior to the effective date of July 1, 2006.**

The United States Postal Service (USPS) has an automated process for sorting mail. Mail received with the new ZIP Code will not be able to be processed by the USPS prior to June when the USPS is scheduled to change its automated process.

The USPS will be able to deliver mail bearing the old ZIP Codes for over a year after the new ZIP Codes are implemented. All addresses changing ZIP Codes will receive official notification from the USPS in the coming weeks. It will be each individual's responsibility to notify personal correspondents (i.e. pen pals, family, friends, etc.) of your new ZIP Code.

Additional details related to the ZIP Code changes are as follows:

- Hoffman Estates addresses that currently have a 60192 ZIP Code will keep the 60192 ZIP Code and will continue to be served from the Hoffman Estates Branch Post Office.
- Hoffman Estates addresses located east of Bartlett Road and south of I-90, in the 60173, 60194 and 60195 ZIP Codes, will be given a new ZIP Code of 60169. and will be served from the Hoffman Estates Branch Post Office.
- Hoffman Estates addresses in the 60195 ZIP Code north of I-90 will switch to the 60192 ZIP Code and will continue to be served from the Hoffman Estates Branch Post Office..
- Hoffman Estates addresses in the 60067 and 60010 ZIP Codes will keep their current ZIP Codes of 60067 and 60010 and will continue to be served from their current Post Office Branches (Barrington and Palatine).
- Hoffman Estates businesses that currently have the ZIP Code 60120 ZIP Code will switch to the 60192 Zip Code and will now be served from the Hoffman Estates Branch.



Schaumburg Address Changes

- Schaumburg residents and businesses that currently have the ZIP Code 60194 will retain their ZIP Code and will now be served from the Schaumburg Main Post Office.
 - Schaumburg residents and businesses that currently have the ZIP Code 60195 will retain their ZIP Code and will continue to be served from the Hoffman Estates Branch Post Office.
- If you have any questions related to the upcoming changes, please contact the Village Manager's Office at 847-781-2605.

SAVE THE DATE! SPECIAL EVENT & PROGRAM INFORMATION

Community Wellness Day, May 5: 12:00 pm-3:00 pm

Make sure to attend the health expo with over 35 northwest suburban healthcare, service, and program providers together under one roof! Speak one-on-one with exhibitors about health care, services and programs in the area. Free screenings will be offered, including blood pressure, hemoglobin, total cholesterol, cancer screenings, foot screenings, and vision! There will also be a large number of raffles and giveaways. A limited number of healthy treats will be given away as well! Admission is free! No reservation is necessary. For more information, please call 847-882-4445 or visit www.hoffmanestates.org.

Stroke screenings will be offered through St. Alexius on Wellness day for \$70, which is half the price of other stroke screenings. Fasting 3 hours before the test is suggested. Sign up by calling St. Alexius at (847) 956-6850. Results will be available in 15 minutes.

Sunday Afternoon at Sunderlage Farm

Learn about local Hoffman Estates history, including the Sunderlage Farmhouse and the Greve Cemetery. This Historical Sites Commission and Hoffman Estates Museum Group sponsored event will be held at the Sunderlage Farmhouse located on the corner of Volid Drive and Vista Lane on June 25 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Relatives of the Sunderlage family who resided on the property 150 years ago have been invited and may attend. More information to follow in the June edition of the Citizen.

Summer Concert Series

The annual Summer Concerts will be held again, Thursday evenings at the Virginia Mary Hayter Village Green in the Prairie Stone Business Park, beginning July 6. To view the upcoming acts and listen to music samplings, visit the Hoffman Estates Arts Commission website: <http://www.hoffmanestatesarts.com>

Look for more information in the June edition of the *Citizen*.

Family Health and Wellness Fair

Saturday, June 3, 2006, 9:00 am - 3:00 p.m. in Barrington Square. Sponsored by Advance Preschool, St. Alexius Medical Center and the Village of Hoffman Estates.



Save the Date: 4th of July !!!

The Village's Fourth of July Parade will be held Tuesday, July 4, at 9:00 a.m. The festival will be held June 30 - July 4 at the Village Hall. Look for full details in the June edition of the *Citizen*.

From the Hoffman Estates Police Department: YOU CAN PREVENT IDENTITY THEFT

Identity theft has become the fastest growing crime in our nation. We must be able to understand how thieves can steal our identity information and what they can do with our information before we can begin to protect ourselves. Here is some information from the Illinois Attorney General's office that can be helpful in reducing the chance of becoming a victim of identity theft. Identity thieves will steal personal information such as your Name, Address, Social Security Number, Drivers License Number, Bank Account Numbers, Credit Card Numbers.

How do they get it? Steal purses and wallets; go through your mail; go through your garbage; buy or steal information from stores, restaurants, hotels or banks; insecure internet sites

What can they do with it? Open new bank or credit card accounts in your name; obtain car or home loans; establish cellular or land line telephone service; change mailing addresses for existing accounts and use them without your knowledge; empty your bank account.

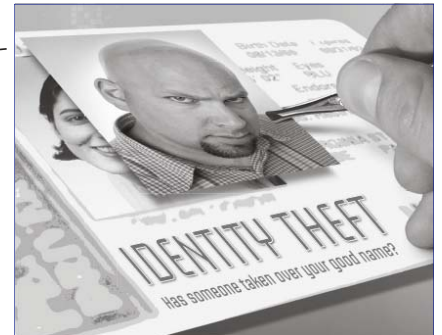
What to do if you think you are a victim of Identity Theft:

- File a police report and obtain a copy to provide to creditors and financial institutions.
- Call creditors and financial institutions to close accounts opened or accessed by identity thieves.
- If possible, establish passwords for new accounts. - Report the theft to the fraud department of the three major credit reporting agencies (Equifax, Experian, and Trans Union), ask them to put a "fraud alert" in your file and contact you before new accounts are opened or existing accounts are changed.
- Keep detailed records of dates and names of contacts and conversations. All written correspondence should be sent by certified mail with return receipt requested.

Tips to guard against Identity Theft:

- Don't give out your social security number unless absolutely necessary.
- Don't carry your Social Security card in your wallet or purse. Carry only the ID and credit cards you need.
- Don't give personal information over the telephone unless you initiated the call.
- Don't transmit personal information over the Internet unless it's a secure site and don't reveal personal information in emails.
- Mail outgoing bills at the post office; don't leave them in your mailbox.
- Empty your mailbox as soon as possible.
- Before discarding, shred documents containing personal information such as bank statements and "pre-approved credit card offers".
- Order your credit report every year from the three major credit reporting agencies to make sure the information is accurate.

Equifax: 800-685-1111
 Experian; 888-397-3742
 Trans Union: 800-916-8800



HEALTH CLINIC INFORMATION

Free Screenings offered at Health Clinics

The Department of Health and Human Services provides free testing for blood pressure, diabetes*, and hemoglobin at the Adult Health Clinics! Total Cholesterol* is provided for \$6. The following are clinic locations and schedules for May and June.

*for best results, please fast for at least 4 hours before the diabetes.

**Hoffman Estates Park District
Community Center & Ice Arena**
1685 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates
Dates: May 15 & June 19
Time: 11am-12pm

Schaumburg Township Offices
1 Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates
Dates: May 18 & June 15
Time: 12pm-1pm

Schaumburg Barn
231 Civic Drive, Schaumburg
Dates: May 3 & 17; June 7 & 21
Time: 9:15am-11:15am

Hoffman Estates Village Hall
1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates
Dates: May 10 & June 14
Time: 1pm-2:30pm

Child Immunization Clinics

Health and Human Services provide two child immunization clinics per month. Shots are \$5 per shot for Hoffman Estates and Schaumburg residents, \$7 for all other communities (cash or check only please!). Our Child Immunization Clinics are intended for children who are either underinsured (insurance does not cover immunizations) or do not have health insurance. Please be sure to bring child's immunization records when attending clinics. For a complete schedule of child immunization clinics in 2006, visit www.hoffmanestates.org/government/PhysicalHealthServices.shtml

Dates for May and June are listed below:



Children's Clinic (ages 2 months to 18 years)

All communities welcome
Hoffman Estates Village Hall Lunchroom
1900 Hassell Road
Dates: May 1 & June 5
4pm-6pm



Hoffman Baby Clinic (ages 2 months to Kindergarten)

Hoffman Estates Residents Only
Hoffman Estates Village Hall Council Chambers
1900 Hassell Road
Dates: May 9 & June 13
By Appointment

There are no Children's Clinics in July

RESIDENT SERVICES & PROGRAMS

Help Prevent Sanitary Sewer Back-ups

Property damage by sanitary sewer back-ups can be costly. Fortunately, there are some precautions that can be taken to minimize the possibility of a sanitary sewer back-up into your home.

Back-ups usually occur when materials or products are introduced into the sewer system that should be disposed of in another manner. Please follow the product manufacturer's suggestions for disposal of those items. Your assistance will help to prevent back-ups that may affect you and your neighbors.

If you are experiencing a problem with your sewer service, please contact the Public Works Department during regular business hours at (847) 490 - 6800 or the Police non-emergency number at (847) 882 -1818 after-hours and on weekends and holidays. A service representative will be dispatched to check the Village's main line sewer system. If the main line is clear, you will be advised to contact a plumber to check your private service line. A "Private Service Line" refers to the sewer line extending from the building to the Village main line system, including the point of connection to the Village main line.

Materials that can cause blockages within an individual sanitary service line or the Village's main line sewer system include:

- * Cooking Grease
- * Garbage disposal by-products
- * Feminine hygiene products
- * Disposable diapers
- * Other paper & plastic products

Tornado Sirens and Lightning Detection

The Hoffman Estates Park District recently installed Lightning Prediction Equipment at several parks throughout Hoffman Estates. The equipment monitors atmospheric conditions and when it detects that lightning is possible it will sound a warning siren that lasts about 15 seconds. Recently, these sirens have sounded several times. It does not mean lightning has occurred, just that there is a possibility it will occur. It is intended to warn people at the parks (baseball players, soccer players, etc.) of a possible danger. The system will also sound an all clear of three short siren blasts. **It is important to note that if Tornado Sirens are activated to alert residents of a tornado, they will sound for much longer than 15 seconds.**



Cook County Reconstruction of Shoe Factory Road

Cook County will be reconstructing Shoe Factory Road west of Maureen Drive to the Kane County line this year. The project is expected to last from April through October. Westbound traffic will be permitted along Shoe Factory Road throughout the duration of the project. Eastbound traffic will be detoured along Golf Road (IL-58) from Dundee Road (IL-25) to Sutton Road (IL-59). Please feel free to view a map of the detour route on the Transportation Division webpage at www.hoffmanestates.org. As part of the project, a new traffic signal will be installed at the intersection of Shoe Factory Road and Maureen Drive. The signal will be operation prior to the 2006 School Year. Any questions about this Cook County project can be forwarded to the Cook County Highway Department or roadconstruction@hoffmanestates.org.

*The Historian's Notebook**by Pat Barch*

Newspaper clippings, along with many photos are beginning to pile up. So many items need to be sorted and filed. Do you think you would be able to help 1 day a week or perhaps only 1 day per month? We desperately need volunteers to help with the historical documents from the Village and materials that are dropped off by our citizens.

The work is not difficult, it just takes time. It's very interesting work. Reading about what happened many years ago, or just helping to identify old photos is fun to do. If you would like to help, please contact me at eagle2064@sbcglobal.net.

I continue to ask for any historical news clippings or photos that you may have stored away in a box in the closet. Please drop off any items you may want to donate at the Village Hall.

The beautifully finished new façade on the Golf Center shops reminds us of the first businesses that occupied that space. National grocery store was at the north end, W.T. Grants was on the south end with Golf Paint in the middle. Thunderbird Movie Theater is now the home of Harlem Furniture. Many wonderful cakes for all those birthdays and graduations were bought at the Golf Rose Bakery. They're all gone but not forgotten.

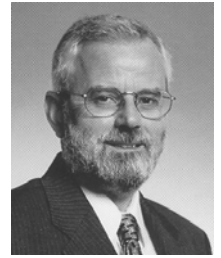


The Sunderlage Farmhouse (pictured above) at Vista Walk and Volid Drive is one of the oldest buildings in the Village. If you would like to rent the farmhouse for a private party, please call 847-781-2605.

SAVE THE DATE: "Strokes of Genius – Through the Eyes of Monet"

A first ever for Hoffman Estates – Four Village Commissions are working together on a joint project to sponsor "Strokes of Genius – Through the Eyes of Monet" as presented by Scott Shepherd. The Arts, Celebrations, Cultural Awareness and Sister Cities Commissions are proud to present Scott Shepherd, a Golden Apple finalist, Fulbright Scholar, highly acclaimed teacher, veteran performer and founder/director of "Opus Mime Ensemble". The Commissions invite you to view a theatrical artistic impersonation of Claude Monet, the daring pioneer of impressionism. The production revolves around Monet's discussion of his life and work atop his bridge or beneath his painting umbrella.

Come view the famous "Picnic on the Grass" and other reenactments of Monet masterpieces, accompanied by slides and music. The program is recommended for high school students and older. The program will take place on Saturday, May 20, 2006, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., at Eisenhower Jr. High School, 800 W. Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois. There is no charge for admission, but there will be a \$2.00 donation for refreshments. For additional information, call 847-781-2606. So, come and meet Monet and see the world through his eyes!

**A MESSAGE FROM
MAYOR MCLEOD**

On July 1, 2006, the Village of Hoffman Estates will be assigned unique ZIP Codes by the United States Postal Service. For some, this occasion means the inconvenience of changing stationery and notifying loved ones of the new postal Code. However, the change to unique ZIP Codes means so much more to the Hoffman Estates community.

The Village Boards of Hoffman Estates have been struggling to secure unique ZIP Codes for the community for over 25 years. A unique ZIP Code means more than distinguishing Hoffman Estates from Schaumburg, Elgin, Barrington and Palatine, the communities we share current ZIP Codes with. At every level of government and in the private sector, ZIP Codes are used to identify a community. The State of Illinois and many federal agencies distribute local shares of money to communities based on their ZIP Code. Private agencies, such as retail stores and telecommunications companies, charge tax rates based on ZIP Codes as well. It is important for a community as large and diverse as Hoffman Estates to distinguish itself with unique ZIP Codes. We need these unique ZIP Codes to make sure that we get the money promised to us by the State and Federal government and to ensure that our residents and businesses are assessed the appropriate tax rate that local officials levy.

Furthermore, we want to make sure that Hoffman Estates residents and businesses are getting Hoffman Estates services. Unique ZIP Codes will ensure that Hoffman Estates residents are not mailed vehicle sticker applications from a neighboring community and Hoffman Estates residents will get their mail on time and addressed to their Hoffman Estates address.

I thank you all for your patience during this process. It may be a long summer as we transition to the new ZIP Codes, however I trust that the process will go smoothly and we will all benefit from the end result.

Sincerely,

Bill McLeod

VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES: 2005 ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

PWS ID#: 0311290

Year 2005, as in years past, your tap water met all USEPA and Illinois EPA (IEPA) drinking water health standards. Our system vigilantly safeguards its water supply, and we are able to report that Hoffman Estates had no violation of a contaminant level or of any other water quality standards. This report covers January 2005 through December 2005, and summarizes the quality of water that was provided last year, including where your water comes from, what it contains and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. Much effort goes into ensuring that you and your family get an abundant supply of clean, fresh water from Lake Michigan.

If you have any questions about this report concerning your water system, please contact the Village of Hoffman Estates, Kenneth Hari, Director of Public Works at (847) 490-6800; 2305 Pembroke Avenue, Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60195. The Village Board holds public meetings the first and third Monday of every month at 8:00 PM at the Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60195.



Source of Water

The City of Chicago utilizes Lake Michigan as its source water via two water treatment plants. The Jardine Water Purification Plant serves the northern areas of the City and suburbs, while the South Water Purification Plant serves the southern areas of the City and suburbs. Lake Michigan is the only Great Lake that is entirely contained within the United States. It borders Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin, and is the second largest Great lake by volume with 1,180 cubic miles of water and third largest by area. Since 1985, Lake Michigan surface water supply is the sole source of water used to provide drinking water for Hoffman Estates residents. This water, more than satisfies all existing and proposed water quality standards established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Pollution Control Board. Since the quality of the raw water source is good, conventional treatment methods of disinfection, coagulation and sedimentation and sand filtration are more than necessary for producing water that is free of harmful contaminants. Water is purchased from the City of Chicago and received at two large reservoirs on the eastern boundary of O'Hare Airport. The main pumping station at this location pumps water into the looped transmission main system for delivery to our community and is drawn off the agency's 36-inch main pipe, which runs parallel to the Northwest Tollway - delivering water at a pressure equal to the pressure in our community's distribution system to maximize energy efficiency. Once in the Village, no chemicals are added. The Village's water distribution system sends water directly to homes and businesses through Village-owned water mains and includes six elevated tanks more than 100 feet off the ground and three ground storage reservoirs. Altogether, Hoffman Estates regularly maintains 9.9 million gallons of storage capacity to meet our usage demand of an average of over 5 million gallons per day. For emergency backup purposes, the Village also maintains seven ground water wells, which would ONLY be used if the Lake Michigan water supply were interrupted. These wells are exercised on a monthly basis with water samples taken to meet IEPA quality standards.

Source Water Assessment Summary

The Illinois EPA considers all surface water sources of community water supply to be susceptible to potential pollution problems. The very nature of surface water allows contaminants to migrate into the intake with no protection only dilution. This is the reason for mandatory treatment for all surface water supplies in Illinois.

Chicago's offshore intakes are located at a distance that shoreline impacts are not usually considered a factor on water quality. At certain times of the year, however, the potential for contamination exists due to wet - weather flows and river reversals. In addition, the placement of the crib structures may serve to attract waterfowl, gulls and terns that frequent the Great Lakes area, thereby concentrating fecal deposits at the intake and thus compromising the source water quality. Conversely, the shore intakes are highly susceptible to storm water runoff, marinas and shoreline point sources due to the influx of groundwater to



the lake. Throughout history there have been extraordinary steps taken to assure a safe source of drinking water in the Chicagoland area. From the building of the offshore cribs and the introduction of interceptor sewers to the lock - and - dam system of Chicago's waterways and the city's Lakefront Zoning Ordinance. The city now looks to the recently created Department of the Water Management, Department of Environment and the MWRDGC to assure the safety of the city's water supply. Also, water supply officials from Chicago are active members of the West Shore Water Producers Association. Coordination of water quality situations (i.e., spills, tanker leaks, exotic species, etc) and general lake conditions are frequently discussed during the association's quarterly meetings. Also, Lake Michigan has a variety of organizations and associations that are currently working to either maintain or improve water quality. Finally, one of the best ways to ensure a safe source of drinking water is to develop a program designed to protect the source water against potential contamination on the local level. Since the predominant land use within Illinois' boundary of Lake Michigan watershed is urban, a majority of the watershed protection activities in this document are aimed at this purpose. Citizens should be aware that everyday activities in an urban setting might have a negative impact on their source water. Efforts should be made to improve awareness of storm water drains and their direct link to the lake within the identified local source water area. A proven best management practice (BMP) for this purpose has been the identification and stenciling of storm water drains within a watershed. Stenciling along with an educational component is necessary to keep the lake a safe and reliable source of drinking water.

Substances Expected in Drinking Water

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care professionals. USEPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it can dissolve naturally occurring minerals and radioactive materials and pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity. Possible contaminants consist of:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which may be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming;

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses;

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and may also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems; and

Radioactive contaminants, which may be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, USEPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Table Footnotes: (found on page 8)

YEAR 2005 REGULATED CONTAMINANTS: HOFFMAN ESTATES								
Here in Hoffman Estates, the Village takes 60 bacteriological samples every month, total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) samples four times a year and lead/copper samples every three years, in accordance with IEPA standards. Hoffman Estates did not fail to comply with any Environmental Protection Agency monitoring, reporting and treatment requirements in 2005. NO drinking water quality violations were recorded for the Village of Hoffman Estates during 2005. Had we failed to comply, a public notice would have been issued to all customers detailing the nature of the violation and the potential consequences of the violation. Only these regulated and unregulated contaminants were detected.								
Contaminant	Unit	MCLG Health Goal	MCL EPA's Limits	Level Detected	Range Detected	Violation (Yes/No)	¹ Year Sampled	Potential Source of Contamination
Inorganic Contaminants								
² Lead	ppb	0	15 = AL	<5 (90th percentile)	0 sites above AL	NO	2005	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	ppm	1.3	1.3 = AL	<0.100 (90th percentile)	0 sites above AL	NO	2005	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits: leaching from wood preservatives.
Disinfectants/Disinfection By-Product								
Total Haloacetic Acids	ppb	NA	60	18.20	9.5 - 18.2	NO	2005	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	ppb	NA	80	40.5	16.9 - 40.5	NO	2005	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination.
Microbial Contaminants								
Total Coliform Bacteria	% pos/mo	0%	5%	2%	NA	NO	2005	Naturally present in the environment.
Fecal Coliform & E.Coli	# pos/mo	0%	0	ND	NA	NO	2005	Human and animal fecal waste.

YEAR 2005 DETECTED CONTAMINANTS: CITY OF CHICAGO								
³ Un-regulated Contaminants								
Contaminant	Unit	MCLG Health Goal	MCL EPA's Limits	Highest No. of Positive	Range Detected	Violation (Yes / No)	¹ Year Sampled	Potential Source of Contamination
Sulfate	ppm	N/A	N/A	26.700	25.80-27.60	NO	2005	Erosion of naturally occurring deposits
Microbial Contaminants								
⁴ Turbidity	%<0.3 NTU	NA	TT	100.00% met limits	NA	NO	2005	Soil runoff.
⁴ Turbidity	NTU	NA	TT=1NTU (max)	0.095	0.08-0.12	NO	2005	Soil runoff.
Inorganic Contaminants								
Barium	ppm	2	2	0.021	0.020 - 0.022	NO	2005	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
Chromium	ppb	100	100	5.6	nd - 5.6	No	2005	Discharge from steel and pulp mills: Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	ppm	10	10	0.340	nd - 0.340	NO	2005	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate & Nitrite	ppm	10	10	0.340	nd - 0.340	NO	2005	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
State Regulated Contaminants								
⁵ Fluoride	ppm	4	4	0.959	0.92-1.03	NO	2005	Water additive which promotes strong teeth.
⁶ Sodium	ppm	NA	NA	7.50	7.30-7.50	NO	2005	Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; used as water softener.
Disinfectants/Disinfection By-Product								
Total Haloacetic Acids	ppb	NA	60	8.350	5.500-10.700	NO	2005	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	ppb	NA	80	16.10	10.00-22.50	NO	2005	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination.
Chlorine	ppm	4.0	4.0	0.6961	0.6468 - 0.6961	No	2005	Drinking Water Disinfectant
TOC (Total Organic Carbon)	The Percentage of the Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set by IEPA							
Radioactive Contaminants								
BETA/PHOTON Emitters	pCi/I	0.0	50.0	2.00	nd-2.000	No	2005	Decay of natural and man-made deposits

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For questions related to the Water Quality Report, call the Department of Public Works at 847-490-6800

WATER QUALITY TABLE FOOTNOTES:

¹Year Sampled: The state allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though accurate, is more than one year old.

²Lead: Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

³Unregulated Contaminants: A maximum contaminant level (MCL) for this contaminant has not been established by either state or federal regulations, nor has mandatory health effects language. The purpose for monitoring this contaminant is to assist USEPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water, and whether future regulation is warranted.

⁴Turbidity: Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration systems and disinfectants.

⁵Fluoride: Fluoride is added to the water supply to help promote strong teeth. The Illinois Department of Public Health recommends an optimal fluoride range of 0.9 mg/l to 1.2 mg/l.

⁶Sodium: There is not a State or Federal MCL for sodium. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials that are concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician about this level of sodium in the water.

Table Definitions

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below, which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Fecal Coliform or E.Coli Maximum Contaminant Level: A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive and one is also fecal coliform or E.Coli positive.

90th Percentile: 90% of samples are equal to or less than the number in the chart.

NTU or Nephelometric Turbidity Units: A measure of clarity.

NA: Not applicable.

ND: Not detectable at testing limits.

ppb or parts per billion: micrograms per liter (ug/l).

ppm or parts per million: milligrams per liter (mg/l).

pCi/L (or picocuries per liter): a measure of radioactivity

Treatment Technique or TT: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Action Level or AL: The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements, which a water system must follow.

Level Detected: This column represents an average of sample result data collected during the CCR calendar year. In some cases, it may represent a single sample if only one sample was collected.

Range of Detections: This column represents a range of individual sample results; from lowest to highest that were collected during the CCR calendar year.

% pos/mo: percent positive samples per month.



Welcome Cost Plus World Market!

Mayor McLeod welcomes Cost Plus World Market to Hoffman Estates at the store's Ribbon Cutting. Cost Plus World Market is one of the many new retail establishments to open in the Prairie Creek Crossing Development located at the intersection of Rt. 59 and 72.

Welcome New Businesses!

TekServe Pos LLC 2495 Pembroke Lane	Impac Companies 2800 W Higgins Road
World Market/Cost Plus 2780 Sutton Road	Office Max 2570 Sutton Road
Jjanusz Custom Jewelry Design 2500 W. Higgins Road	Petsmart Inc 2590 N Sutton Road
Lakeland Development Inc 2800 W Higgins Road	Linens N' Things 2760 Sutton Road
Thomas Buckley Architect 2400 Hassell Road	T J Maxx 2700 Sutton Road
Couture Photography Inc. 18 Golf Center	

Legion Post Activates Troop Support Team for National Guard and Reserve Troops

As the nation's largest veterans service organization, The American Legion has, since its inception in 1919, served America's veterans and their families. The Legion's nationwide Family Support Network has responds to calls from military families at the toll free hotline: 1-800-504-4098.

Families of National Guard and Reserve military service members from the Hoffman Estates area that have been called up to active duty and deployed can reach the American Legion Post #1983 by calling 847-849-0600.

RESIDENT SERVICES & PROGRAMS

Free Advice on Solving Drainage Concerns Available from Village

If you have a drainage or standing water problem on your property, the Village's Engineering Division is available to assist residents with solutions and technical advice. Standing water is a nuisance and will continue to worsen if not addressed. Most drainage problems grow over time from ground settlement and heaving from freeze-thaw cycles.

"Drainage problems can be corrected by regrading or reshaping the ground or installing a private storm sewer to connect to the Village's storm sewer" states Gary Salavitch, Director of Engineering. Floodplain issues are separate from backyard drainage issues. Please contact the Village if you have a floodplain question or concern.

Sump Pumps

Sump pumps collect mostly surface water and possibly some ground water and pump it away from the house. The sump pump discharge may connect to the Village's storm sewer or discharge onto the ground. It is illegal to have the sump pump connected to the sanitary sewer. A sump pump that runs a lot is an indicator of other drainage related problems so please contact the Village for further advice.

Sump pump discharge pipes should extend well beyond the house, be directed to the downstream or low end of the lot and must be at least three feet from the property line. Sump pump discharges should not cause a nuisance on a neighbor's property and the Village could require a change if the sump pump discharge is a nuisance.

The Engineering Division encourages residents to connect sump pumps into the Village's storm sewer wherever possible and can provide more information on this procedure. Permits are required for sump pump connections and private storm sewer connections.

Downspouts

Downspouts should be directed away from the house and should point toward the front or rear yards. It is important to keep downspout water away from the foundation. Every downspout should have a minimum 5' extension to direct water away from the house.

Grading or Private Storm Sewer

The grading of most yards should have the ground sloping away from the house and toward the side, front or backyard swale. Settlement along the foundation must be addressed on an annual basis to avoid problems. Over time, backyard and side yard swales become less efficient due to settlement and erosion and can be blocked by gardens, sheds, swing sets or landscaping features. Improper grade changes may affect drainage patterns in your lot and could result in standing water problems for you and your neighbors. Raised gardens or raised landscape features in a low area are a common obstruction to the drainage system. The Engineering Division is available to discuss changes to grading and any grading changes greater than six inches require a Village permit.

Another solution for drainage problems is the use of a perforated pipe underdrain in the problem area. Any perforated pipe underdrain must connect to a nearby Village storm sewer and cannot drain or discharge at the sidewalk or streets and requires a Village permit.

If you would like to take advantage of the free drainage investigation service, or have any questions about the drainage or grading of your property, please call Gary Salavitch at 847-781-2636.

Village Named Tree City USA 15th Consecutive Year

For the 15th consecutive year, the National Arbor Day Foundation has named Hoffman Estates a Tree City USA. The National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service, sponsors the Tree City USA program. To become a Tree City USA, Hoffman Estates met four standards:

- Have an established tree board or department
- Have a tree care ordinance
- Have a comprehensive community forestry program
- Have an Arbor Day observance



A municipality's designation as a "Tree City Community" is reflective of the level of stewardship necessary to build greater communities for today and tomorrow, continuously enhancing the beauty and value of Hoffman Estates property, both public and private.

The Village's Annual Arbor Day Celebration was held on Friday, April 28, 2006 at Arbor Park.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION EVENTS

Saturday, June 10, 2006, in Palatine TBD.

Saturday, July 15, 2006, in Evanston TBD.

HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL WASTE EVENTS

Saturday, May 6, 2006, Crystal Lake, McHenry County College Parking Lot F, 8900 Highway 14. 8:00 am until 3:00 pm.

Saturday, May 6, 2006, Park Ridge, Maine East High School, 2601 W. Dempster Street. 8:00 am until 3:00 pm.

Saturday, May 6, 2006, Vernon Hills, Metra Train Station Parking Lot, Hwy 45 and Ranney Ave. 8:00 am until 2:30 pm.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, May 13, 2006, from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm at 2300 Patriot Blvd, Glenview. Proof of Hoffman Estates residency required.

Fall Event: A fall event will be held at the Motorola Facility in Schaumburg. More information will be available in the August edition of the *Citizen* Newsletter.

MEDICINE DROP-OFF

Drop-off unwanted prescription and over the counter medications on **May 31, 2006**, at one of 5 locations, including the Schaumburg Township Offices (1 Illinois Blvd) between 8:00 am and 3:00pm.

For more information visit www.swancc.org or call 847-781-2605.

GENERAL COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Considering the purchase of a backyard pool?

With warm weather on the way, some residents might be considering installing a new swimming pool on their property. Here is a few of the basic requirements to keep in mind while you are making your decision.

- A building permit is required for swimming pools 24 inches or more in depth, or holds 1000 gallons or more of water. All building permit applications require submission of your property plat of survey. You will be asked to indicate the location and size of the swimming pool.
- Safety/access protection will be reviewed to determine if a fence will be required.
- Location of the swimming pool will be verified by an onsite inspection by the Village Electrical Inspector to assure setback requirements are met, electrical lines do not pose safety threat, and check on existing fences to assure they meet Village requirements.

An informational brochure highlighting the requirements of installing a swimming is available through the Code Enforcement Division and inspectors are available to answer your questions. Code Enforcement can be reached at 847-882-9100.

Code Enforcement Hours

The Code Enforcement Division is normally open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, to assist customers with their building and home improvement projects that require building permits and inspections.

Beginning Monday, May 1, Code Enforcement will expand its service hours for the busy construction season to 8:00 p.m. on Monday nights, and also on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon. During these extended hours, residents may apply for (or pick up) residential building permits or have required inspections performed.

In observance of Memorial Day, there will be no Saturday inspections on May 27, and the Monday evening hours will be moved one day to Tuesday, May 30. These expanded hours will end in September. For more information, contact the Code Enforcement Division at 847-882-9100.

Memorial Day Solid Waste and Recycling Pick-up Schedule

Garbage, recycling and yardwaste collection will be delayed one day in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Residents who normally have collection on Monday will be picked up on Tuesday, May 30. Residents who normally have collection on Wednesday will be picked up on Thursday, June 1. For more information, you may contact Groot Disposal at 1-800-244-1977 or at Groot.com. Please remember that no garbage/recycling/yardwaste containers are to be placed at the curb before 6:00 p.m. the evening prior to collection.

Residential Inspection Program

The Code Enforcement Division will be performing inspections of the exteriors of all single-family residences, including yards in neighborhoods located north of Golf Road but south of I-90, and those areas west of Route 59. Residents living in these areas of the Village will be notified by postcard of the upcoming inspections. Prior notification will allow residents to inspect their properties and to make repairs prior to Code Enforcement's arrival in their neighborhoods. Only properties found not to be in compliance with adopted Village Ordinances will receive notification letters identifying the items that need to be corrected. For further information on this program, please visit the Village's website at www.hoffmanestates.org or contact the Code Enforcement Division at 847-882-9100.

WATERING BAN REMINDER

Just a reminder to all residents, the Village watering ban is in effect from May 15, and lasts until October 1. The Ordinance bans all outside water use during that time period between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. This includes, but is not limited to, sprinkling of lawns and shrubbery, washing vehicles, filling swimming pools, or an recreational use of garden hoses. The watering ban complies with State water conservation practices. Violators can receive a citation, which carries a \$35.00 fine for the first offense.

Two ways to file a Code Enforcement complaint

The Code Enforcement Division administers two programs to assure properties are maintained in compliance with Village codes and standards. These programs are the Single-Family Residential Inspection Program and the Multi-Family Licensing Program. In addition, Code Enforcement Officers self-initiate code complaints when they find property maintenance violations during their routine patrols through the neighborhoods. Code Enforcement encourages residents to notify the Village when they feel a property needs repairs and maintenance. Residents can report problem properties either:

By Phone: Residents may call the Code Enforcement Division at 847-882-9100. Please provide the address and a description of the property maintenance issues. Residents are encouraged to leave a contact phone number in order that we may provide routine status updates. Since Code Enforcement Officers can only inspect properties from the right of way, the inspector may need to contact you to arrange access to your property to view the backyard or the rear of a residence. Under no circumstances is contact information released.

By E-mail: On the Village's Website www.hoffmanestates.org there is a service request bullet on the opening page. Fill out the service request form and hit send. The information will be forwarded on to Code Enforcement or other appropriate Village Departments.

Memorial Day Observance

The Village Hall will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2006.

MAY CALENDAR

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2006

Children's Clinic 4:00pm - 6:00pm at VH
Village Board Meeting, 8:00 pm at VH

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006

Cultural Awareness Commission, 7:15 pm at VH
Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:30pm at VH

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2006

Plan Commission, 8:00 pm at VH

FRIDAY MAY 5, 2006

Community Wellness Day, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm at VH

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2006

Police and Fire Commission, 8:00 am at PD

*SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2006

Veteran's Flag 71: David L. Jacobs, USAF, WWII

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2006

Utility Commission Meeting, 6:30 pm at PWC
Standing Committee Meetings, 7:30 pm at VH

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2006

Hoffman Baby Clinic, 10:00 am - Noon at VH
Historical Sites Commission, 7:00 pm at Sunderlage Farm
Disabled and Seniors Commission, 5:30 pm at VH
ESDA Meeting, 7:30 pm at Fire Station 22

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2006

Community Health Clinic, 1:00pm - 2:30pm at VH

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2006

4th of July Commission, 7:30 pm at VH

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2006

Building Safety Week, 9:00 am - Noon at VH

*SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2006

Veteran's Flag 72: Ray F. DeCola, ARMY, WWII

MONDAY, MAY 15, 2006

Youth Commission, 6:00 pm at VH
Village Board Meeting, 8:00 pm at VH

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2006

Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:30 pm at VH

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19 2006

Police Explorers, 3:00 pm at PD
Peer Jury, 7:00 pm at PD
Plan Commission Meeting, 8:00 pm at VH

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2006

Strokes of Genius - Through the Eyes of Monet, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm at Eisenhower Jr. High, 800 Hassell Road

*SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2006

Veteran's Flag 73: Henry W. Marthinsen. NAVY, WWII

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2006

Arts Commission, 7:00 pm at VH
Standing Committee Meetings, 7:30 pm at VH

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2006

Sister Cities Commission, 7:00 pm at VH

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2006

Celebrations Commission, 5:30 pm at VH
Environmental Commission, 7:00 pm at PWC

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2006

Liquor Servers, 7:00 pm at PD

*SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2006

Veteran's Flag 74: William P. Kollias, USMC, WWII

MONDAY, MAY 29, 2006

MEMORIAL DAY - VILLAGE HALL CLOSED
GARBAGE PICK-UP HOLIDAY

North of Tollway pick-up on Tuesday, May 30
South of Tollway, pick-up on Thursday, June 1

- **Village Board Meetings** are held on the **1st and 3rd Monday** of each month at 8:00 pm in the VH Council Chambers, unless otherwise noted.
- The **Transportation and Road Improvement, Planning, Building and Zoning; General Administration and Personnel** Committees meet on the **second Monday** of each month at 7:30 pm.
- The **Public Health and Safety; Finance; Public Works and Utilities** Committees meet on the **fourth Monday** of each month at 7:30 pm.
VH: Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road
PD: Police Department, 1200 Gannon Drive
PWC: Public Works Center, 2305 Pembroke Avenue
HHS: Health & Human Services, 1900 Hassell Road

*The flag rotation ceremony is held at the Veteran's Memorial at 1 p.m. every Sunday afternoon. The public is invited to attend. Those wishing to make a donation for the perpetual maintenance of the Memorial may do so at the VILLAGE HALL or by mailing a check to the Veterans Memorial, c/o The Village of Hoffman Estates, 1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60195. The Casket Flags of deceased veterans listed on the calendar above will be flying at the Veterans Memorial the coming month. The Veteran's Memorial is located outside the Hoffman Estates Police Department at 1200 Gannon Drive.

SAVE THE DATE!

FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVAL DATES: June 30 - July 4, 2006

Gypsy Moth Spraying in Western Area

The Illinois Department of Agriculture will be spraying areas of the Western Area of the Village this summer in order to contain the spread of gypsy moths. The gypsy moth is a non-native pest that feasts on trees and shrubs.

Large populations are capable of stripping plants bare, leaving them vulnerable to secondary insect and disease attacks. The Department of Agriculture uses non-toxic bacteria to control mating of gypsy moths and sprays this over contaminated or at-risk areas. If you have questions related to the spraying, please contact the State Department of Agriculture at 847-294-4343 or visit <http://www.agr.state.il.us/Environment/Pest/gypsymoth.html> for more information.



Picture This! Photo Contest

Hoffman Estates students: you only have a few more days to turn in your photo entry for a chance to win an iPod nano or other prizes! Entries are due Friday, May 5 at 5pm. For contest rules and details go to www.hoffmanestates.org or call 847-882-4445.



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1900 Hassell Road
Hoffman Estates, IL 60195
www.hoffmanestates.org

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Main: 847-882-9100
Police and Fire: 9-1-1
Fire Admin: 847-882-2138
Health & Human Services:
847-882-4445
Police Admin: 847-882-1818
Public Works: 847-490-6800
Event Hotline: 847-781-2855

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Mayor

William D. McLeod

Trustees

Karen V. Mills
Lloyd H. Boester
Rodney R. Rusakiewicz
Cary J. Collins
Raymond M. Kincaid
Fred Crespo

Village Clerk - Virginia M. Hayter

Village Manager - James H. Norris

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

Village Hall

1900 Hassell Road

Bruce C. Lind Police Complex

1200 Gannon Drive

Fire Administration

1900 Hassell Road

Public Works Center

2305 Pembroke Avenue

Fire Station 21- Carl W. Selke

225 Flagstaff Lane

Fire Station 22 -Michael J. O'Malley

1700 Moon Lake Boulevard

Fire Station 23 - Richard G. Cordova

1300 Westbury Drive

Fire Station 24 - Jerome Danowski

2601 Pratum Avenue



Congratulations to the State Champion Hoffman Estates High School Varsity Girls Bowling Team!

Water Conservation Tips

Water conservation not only saves the supply of our water source, but cuts the cost of water treatment. It also cuts the energy costs at the treatment facility associated with pumping and chemical costs for processing of the water. There are a number of conservation measures you as a water consumer can do to conserve on water usage.

Conservation measures you can use inside your home include:

1. Fixing leaking faucets, pipes, toilets, etc.
2. Installation of water-saving devices in faucets, toilets and appliances. Low flow fixtures are now the only kind produced since 1994. Simply replacing old fixtures with new will reduce water consumption by nearly one-half.
3. Wash only full loads of laundry.
4. Don't use the toilet for trash disposal.
5. Take shorter showers. Do not let the water run while shaving, washing, brushing teeth, or cleaning fruits and vegetables.
6. Soak dishes before washing. Run the dishwasher only when full.

You can conserve outdoors as well:

1. Water the lawn and garden as little as possible. If you must water, do so in the early morning or evening.
2. Use mulch around plants and shrubs or choose plants that don't need much water.
3. Repair leaks in faucets and hoses. Use water-saving nozzles.
4. Use water from a bucket to wash your car, and save the hose for rinsing.
5. Sweep clippings and leaves from walks and driveways rather than using the hose.
6. Obey any and all water bans or regulations.

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