

# WATER BREAK

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The North Penn Water Authority is fast approaching a noteworthy milestone. By the end of 2007, we will have reached the mark of 30,000 customer accounts. This is the equivalent of approximately 75,000 people that we now supply with water. New customers have been growing at an annual rate of about 2% each year for the last several years. It was precisely this growth that prompted the recent expansion of the Forest Park Water Treatment Plant from a capacity of 30 million gallons per day (mgd) to 40 mgd. This will allow us to comfortably keep up with the growth that is expected to continue into the foreseeable future.

Let's put this milestone in some historical perspective. In the mid-1980's, construction began on the original treatment plant and the Point Pleasant Pumping Station. The goal was to switch to a more reliable surface water supply with a higher capacity than the limited local groundwater wells. The Authority's customer base at the time of the initial construction was about 15,000 customers, so in the past 20 years, our number of customers has doubled. This reflects the high rate of growth that has occurred in our region, which was especially evident in the boom years of the late 1980's and into the 1990's. Although the rate of annual growth has slowed down since then, the upward trend is still continuing to show its effects in increased water demands. Fortunately, the North Penn Water Authority is well positioned to meet those demands with a sufficient capacity of the highest quality water supply, even in times of drought.

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## WATER STATS

### Delaware River Basin Water Daily Storage\*

(as of September 30, 2007)  
 Average Daily Water Storage  
 Percent below Average

**168.9 billion gallons**  
**179 billion gallons**  
**5.7%**

### Rainfall

(expressed as inches)  
 January 2007 thru September 2007  
 20 Year Average for January thru September

**29.17"**  
**33.97"**

\*Source: [www.state.nj.us/drbc/data.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/drbc/data.htm)



## Seasonal Reminders

### WINTERIZING TIPS

During the cold winter months, if you experience “no water” in your home, check all faucets to see if the problem could be related to a frozen pipe in your home’s internal plumbing. As the property owner, you are responsible for repairing the home’s internal plumbing. To avoid freezing pipes and costly repair bills, we suggest the following winterizing tips: **(1)** Wrap and insulate pipes in unheated areas such as basements, closets, attics, or crawl spaces; **(2)** Caulk windows near water meters or pipes as well as where the pipe goes through walls; **(3)** Replace or cover cracked or broken windows; **(4)** Locate and tag your master valve just in case pipes freeze and rupture.

hydrant marker

### HYDRANTS

Hydrants throughout the NPWA distribution system are equipped with markers to assist the fire department in finding them if they become covered in snow or grown over with weeds or shrubs. Please don’t tamper with the hydrant markers and please call our office if you notice a marker has been removed or vandalized. After a snow storm, please clear (or have someone clear for you) the snow and ice from around the fire hydrants located in front of your properties. This allows the fire department and the Authority’s crews quick access to the hydrant in case of a fire, or for a necessary repair.

### SPRING HYDRANT FLUSHING PROGRAM



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