
PREPARING FOR CHALLENGING WEATHER CONDITIONS: PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION SHARES WINTER READINESS PLAN

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(Clifton, N.J. – January 5, 2024) – As Northern New Jersey braces for snowy, cold weather this weekend, Passaic Valley Water Commission (PVWC) remains poised to ensure uninterrupted water supply for its customers by tackling the challenges presented by inclement weather.

Key elements of PVWC’s winter readiness plan include:

1. **Emergency Generators:** PVWC installed four diesel-powered emergency generators totaling 12 megawatts of energy at its Little Falls Water Treatment Plant. In the event of an electrical failure in the area, the \$29 million project ensures the generators, which have been operational since mid-July, will supply enough energy to power the raw water pumps and filtration plant, residuals facility and pumps distributing finished water to our distribution system.
2. **System Inspections and Maintenance:** Thorough checks and maintenance protocols have been enforced across the water distribution system to preemptively identify and address any vulnerabilities that could be intensified by freezing temperatures.
3. **Emergency Response Teams:** Dedicated PVWC staff members are on standby round-the-clock to promptly address and resolve any weather-related issues that may arise, ensuring swift responses to customer concerns.
4. **Community Outreach:** PVWC is committed to keeping the public informed about winter weather preparations and offering helpful tips to customers on protecting their water pipes. Stay informed of PVWC-related activity by registering to our **free** notification system by visiting <https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/reg.action?pa=pvwc>.

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