

Hayden Lake Irrigation District



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Important Dates to Remember:

- **October 19:** Board Meeting at 6 PM
- **October 31st:** 3rd Qtr water payment due
- **November Board Meetings:** 11/2 & 11/16
- **December Board Meetings:** 12/7 & 12/21
- **December 20:** First Half of Irrigation Assessments Due

Domestic Allotments:

4th Quarter 2010—15,000 gallons
 1st Quarter 2011—15,000 gallons

Water Rate Increase

Water rates have been established for the fiscal year 2011 and a small increase was necessary. The domestic and commercial rate was increased \$5.00 per year. This is a \$1.25 per quarter increase. Water allocations will remain the same; excess water was increased by \$.10 per 1000 gallons. Our new rate for excess water will be charged at \$0.85 per 1000 gallons.

The District has absorbed as much of the electrical rate increases as possible and have worked at improving our efficiency of operations. The rate change will be effective beginning October and applied to your 4th quarter bill received in January. The 2011 Irrigation Assessment will also increase by \$2.00 for the year. This will be discussed in more detail in the newsletter included with the Irrigation Assessment bill.

New Web Site

We are excited to announce our new web site. We have updated the site to make it more user friendly and be able to provide more valuable information. One of our new additions is located on the home page. Look for a box indicating "All Systems Operational". If the box is green with a check mark, then

there are no problems at this time. If it turns red with a zero with a slash thru it, then press the box and it will advise of any outages or anticipated shut downs. Please take a moment to view our new site at:

www.haydenirrigation.com

Billing Cycles

We thought this would be a good time to remind everyone of our billing cycle; mailing time frame and due dates for our 5 bills per year.

Irrigation Assessments are billed in the fall and due by December 20th of that year. If the first half is paid by December 20th, then the second half is due by June 20th of the following year. No statement is sent for the second half. You can always choose to pay the entire bill by the December 20th due date.

It is our goal to have the Irrigation Assessment bills sent out by the end of November. The Domestic Quarterly statements are sent in the following months and are due by the end of that month:

<u>Month Sent</u>	<u>Water Usage Period</u>
January	October, November, and December
April	January, February, and March
July	April, May, and June
October	July, August, and September

To recap, you will receive a bill from us in October, November, January, April, and July.



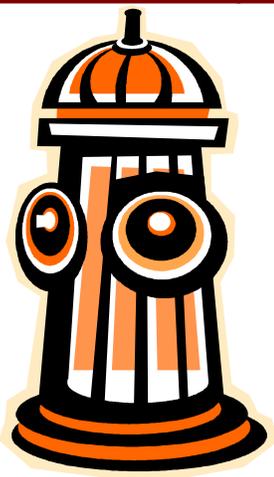
**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

To prevent damage to underground utilities and possible personal injury from damaging underground facilities, please remember to dial 811 before digging *for any reason, at any depth*. 811 is a federally mandated phone number to consolidate all local "Call Before You Dig" numbers. One call notifies all local utility companies of your intent to dig.

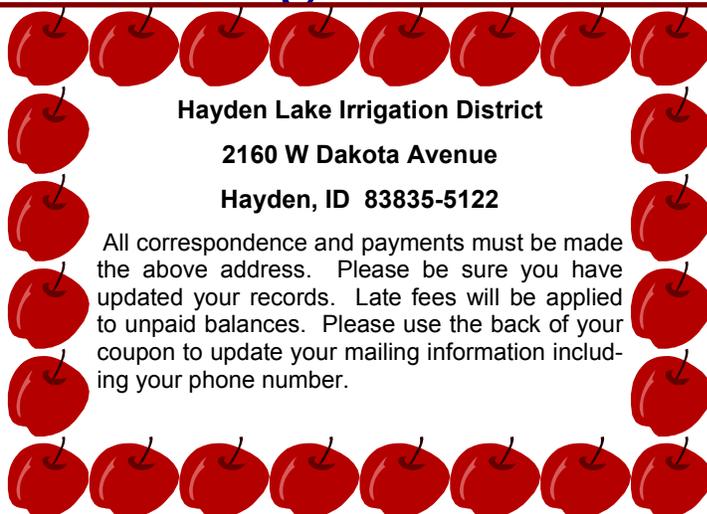
Utility location service is free - repairs for damaged facilities, medical expenses, and lost wages are not. Please call 2 working days prior to excavation. Before you call, please have ready the following information: Street address or legal description, contact person, phone number, and what type of work is to be performed. For more information on 811, stop by and pick up a brochure from our office or visit www.call811.com

Fire Hydrant Access

Mailing Address



The snow will be flying before too long and based on recent long term weather forecast, we might be in for a snowy winter. We would like to take this time to ask our customers to help us; the local firefighters; and yourselves by clearing away snow from fire hydrants. If you have a fire hydrant on or near your property, please check it after a significant snowfall or after the snowplow goes through the area. If the hydrant looks inaccessible to firefighters, please pitch in and clear away the snow. In the event of an emergency, every second counts and we want to ensure quick and easy access for firefighters. Thank you for your help.



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2160 W Dakota Avenue
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All correspondence and payments must be made the above address. Please be sure you have updated your records. Late fees will be applied to unpaid balances. Please use the back of your coupon to update your mailing information including your phone number.

Winterizing Sprinkler and Irrigation Systems

Soon the sprinkler winterization blow-out ritual will begin, and there are some topics we need to bring to your attention.

The most common method of winterization in our area involves a large air compressor used to blow all of the standing water out of the sprinkler, or irrigation, system. When performed correctly this is an efficient method to winterize. However when performed incorrectly problems can range from damage to your sprinkler system, to potential **contamination of the drinking water system**.

Contamination of the drinking water system could come from applying compressed air at pressures higher than the drinking water system, thereby injecting oils and other contaminants into the drinking water system.

Here are some guidelines to help you to prevent damage to your system; as well as prevent contamination of the drinking water system.

Compressed Air Can Cause Serious Injury

Blow outs using compressed air can be dangerous; using too high of pressure can cause breakage which can cause serious injury. Blowing out the sprinkler line too long can cause heat build up to plastic components not designed to be heated.

Air pressure should be applied slowly, it should not exceed 50 PSI and should **NEVER** exceed 80 PSI. Too much pressure, or pressurizing the system too quickly can result in injury due to breakage of sprinkler system components.

The compressed air causes higher friction than the water normally flowing through the pipes, this higher friction creates heat. The heat can damage system components, which can then break.

Several short pressurizations are better than one long pressurization. When a sprinkler component breaks under pressure it can quickly become flying debris causing injury.

Compressed Air Can Contaminate the Drinking Water System

Compressed air applied anywhere upstream, or before the backflow prevention assembly, can enter into the drinking water system. This could affect both the home, as well as the district water system. Contamination can come from the compressor oils, and other contaminants in the compressor air tank or irrigation system.

Compressed Air Can Damage the Backflow Assembly

Compressed air applied upstream, before or through the backflow prevention assembly can damage the backflow assembly causing costly repair or replacement. It is better to remove, drain and store the assembly where it won't be damaged by freezing.

Sprinkler Winterization Tips

Many sprinkler manufacturers, such as Rainbird, Hunter and Nelson provide winterization tips on their web sites. These can be accessed by going directly to their websites, or Googling: 'sprinkler winterization'

We recognize your need to winterize your irrigation and sprinkler systems, we simply ask that you do so safely and in ways that don't contaminant the water system.

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