

# Hayden Lake Irrigation District

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### Important Dates to Remember:

- December 1—Board Meeting at 6 PM
- December 20—First Half of Irrigation Assessment Due
- December 25—Closed for Christmas
- January 1—Closed for New Year's
- January 5—Board Meeting at 6 PM



## 2016 Irrigation Assessment

Your 2016 Irrigation Assessment is enclosed with this newsletter. For those of you who only have irrigation with us, this is the only bill you will receive this year, unless you go over your allotted amount of water.

The assessment invoice provides the option of paying in full or first and second installments. If you elect to pay the total payment indicated on the invoice then the second installment is not due.

If your statement shows an amount in parentheses ( ) in the first installment, you do not need to make a payment at this time. However there may still be an amount due for your second installment. You can elect to pay the total payment by December 20th or wait until the June 20 deadline.

The assessment is due on or before December 20, 2015. If the first half is paid before December 20, 2015, then the second half is due on or before June 20, 2016. Per Idaho State Code (law): Irrigation assessments not paid by 5:00 PM

on these dates will become delinquent and may be subject to penalties, and interest.

Please include the top portion of the assessment with the total payment or first installment. Any past due balance is included in the first installment and must be paid.

The second portion should be included with your second installment (if paying in two installments) due on or before June 20, 2016. If you choose to pay your irrigation assessment in two installments, it is your responsibility to remember the second payment. The bottom portion of the bill is for your records.

If the two halves are not equal, that means your account had a credit balance or past due balance when this bill was generated. If it was a past due balance and you paid this amount please contact the District for updated amounts to pay for the first installment.

## What is the Irrigation Assessment?

Hayden Lake Irrigation District was formed in 1913 from the Interstate Irrigation Company. Being an Irrigation District, Idaho Code (law) determines how we charge for irrigation. That method is the Irrigation Assessment. The assessment is levied against all parcels within the District boundaries. The assessment due dates are defined in Idaho code. Payment of the assessment provides water to the parcels during the irrigation season. The District provides one acre foot of water per acre, or portion of an acre foot per portion of acre based on the parcel or lot size. An acre foot is a measure of water, like a gallon. The District allocates 326,000 gallons per acre foot. So this means if you have a 1/4 acre parcel you would receive 1/4 of 326,000 gallons, or 81,500 gallons. This water is provided during the future (2016) irrigation season in addition to the domestic allocation.

If you have a parcel greater than one acre you are eligible for a separate irrigation meter. For those parcels with separate irrigation meters it is the property owners responsibility to manage the water use from the individual meters. This means if you use greater than the allocation from one meter and less from the other meter, you will be charged for the excess water regardless of any unused water from the other meter.

# Water Usage Update

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## Water Production:

2015 was our biggest water production year since 2006-2007; our year to date production is 755,000,000 gallons with a max day of 7,500,000 gallons in July. Our year to date production is 100,000,000 gallons (18.6%) higher than 2014. We attribute the increased production to the hotter, dryer weather which started earlier this year. There were 6 occasions we were not able to meet demand; 3 required us to shut down the large irrigation customers and were simply a matter of demand exceeding supply. The other 3 were a result of equipment failure which we were able to resolve in time, the available time was largely due to the reduced demand from the odd-even use.

## Odd – Even Participation:

We want to take a moment to thank our customers for watering every other day this past summer. We estimate 65 to 75% of our customers complied with this requirement. Thank you for your help.

We will continue to require the odd – even water use schedule in 2016. We are hopeful 100% of our customers will meet this requirement.

## Excess Water:

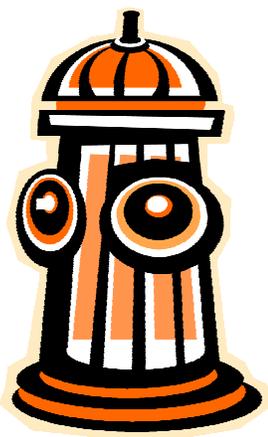
It was a very hot and dry spring and summer; we noticed customers started to water earlier in the spring using up their allocation sooner. We billed out excess water charges to 39% of our customers this year compared to 25% last year. Please visit our website [www.haydenirrigation.com](http://www.haydenirrigation.com) to find under Your Water – Conservation tips to help reduce your water usage and excess water charges. Leaks can also be a large contributing factor to excess water charges. Please repair any leaking toilets, faucets, dripping spigots, and sprinklers to help reduce your excess water charges and conserve our precious resource.

## New Well Update:

The new well has been drilled and cased, we are working on the well house and equipment needed to run the well. Our goal is to have the new well operational by the end of June 2016.

## 2016 Summer:

At this time, next summer is predicted to be hot and dry again. Weather prediction being what it is, the District will be sending a letter next spring to customers addressing water use requirements, and providing information on how to manage your water use to obtain the results you want with the least amount of water.



## Fire Hydrant Access

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We would like to take this time to ask our customers to help us; the local firefighters; and yourselves by clearing the snow away 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.



## How to Contact Us

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