

Hayden Lake Irrigation District



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Important Dates to Remember:

- July 19 Board meeting
- July 31 2nd Quarter water payment due date
- August Board Meetings: 8/2 & 8/16
- September Board Meetings: 9/6 & 9/20

*Domestic Allotments for
2nd & 3rd quarters are
45,000 gallons each
quarter*

Water Conservation Saves Water and Money

We are fortunate to have a high quality aquifer beneath our feet. However, the possibility of contamination and over-use increases as the population using the resource increases.

Hayden Lake Irrigation District's production of water for our customers increases dramatically during the summer. That increase is due to watering lawns, gardens, landscape and irrigating crops. The District Board, and staff do not wish to *tell* our customers how to use their water. We would rather educate and encourage wise use of the resource. As the population increases, not only in our district but throughout the region, wise use will become more and more important. Over the past 5 years we have provided this message and we are noticing a difference. Thank you!

What is wise use? Wise use includes; when you water, how much you water, how you water, what chemicals you apply, and how much you apply. It can also include types of landscaping, and how you maintain the landscape.

When to water; watering in the morning and evening is most efficient. Watering in the heat of the day can cause evaporation rates of 50% or greater, that means half of the water you pay for is going into the sky. Watering during windy periods has the same effect.

How much to water; Many people over water lawns and landscape. Too much water will promote shallow root growth and may increase plant diseases. This will result in a weak plant, which can allow increased weeds and often results in application of more fertilizers and herbicides. Those end up in our aquifer. Established lawns should be able to sustain watering once every few days, and no lawn except a newly planted one, needs watering more than once per day. One recommended application rate is 1" per week, including rain water. However this may result in excess water charges. (continued on reverse...)



**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 2-10 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

Information Updates

Please help us keep our records up-to-date by contacting Sherri with any mailing address or phone number changes. Changes can be called in to 208-772-2612 or emailed to district@haydenirrigation.com

Upcoming Billings:	Look for it:	Due Date:
3rd Qtr. 2011 Domestic	October 6	October 30
2012 Irrigation Assessment	November 2011	December 20
4th Qtr. 2011 Domestic	January 10	January 30

Flushing the Water System

Protecting the public's health is our first priority. Providing the highest water quality we can is how we achieve that priority. One of the ways we assure the highest water quality is to flush out the water system in areas of dead end water mains (pipelines). This may appear to be wasteful, however it is the best method of maintaining clean pipelines. Another maintenance operation is to open and close (exercise) the water main valves. Please be respectful of our staff when they are performing these operations. We do everything we can do to perform these tasks safely. To help us, please don't drive through the water spraying from a fire hydrant when we are flushing and give our staff the room to do their work safely. Thank you.

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- How to water; water the lawn and landscape. Don't water the drive, street and house, they won't grow. Learn how to read and set your automatic sprinkler timer. By reducing the time, or the frequency of watering you may be able to reduce the amount of water without affecting the quality of the landscape. Make small changes over time.
- What chemicals are applied and how much; Chemicals applied over the aquifer should have a short lifespan and /or remain in the upper soil column. Chemicals with a long life span or that can travel easily could add contamination to the aquifer. It can take as little as 30-60 days for surface application to reach the aquifer. Round-up is a good herbicide for controlling all plants in an area. Don't over apply fertilizers or herbicides, it wastes your money and increases the potential for contamination.
- The type of landscape; consider low water use landscapes, smaller lawn areas and trees. Trees shade the lawn and landscape reducing the amount of water necessary. They also help cool your home and can reduce power consumption. Ground covers can offer a nice alternative to lawn grasses in landscapes. Mechanical weed blocks are also a good method where barks, gravels, or other waterless decorative ground cover will be used. Good weed blocks are worth the money.
- Maintaining your landscape; allowing lawn grasses to grow longer during the summer reduces the amount of water needed due to additional shading of the soils. We recognize some homeowner associations have determined an acceptable lawn length within a subdivision, and many people have their own ideas on proper lawn length. Personal preferences aside, longer lawns do provide more shade and reduce water need during the heat of the summer.



Water Leaks

Our water meters have a leak detector. The leaks are recorded in our software and analyzed by our service techs. If we suspect there is a leak, we will place a notice on your doorknob. We noticed several leaks were repaired over the last 6 months. Thank you in helping to conserve water. Please remember all meters are the property of Hayden Lake Irrigation District and our responsibility only goes so far as the meter. Any leaks from the meter to the residence/business is the responsibility of the property owner. *We appreciate our customers attention to leaks and water use.*

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Phone: 208-772-2612

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Mailing Address

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For those of you who have already established accounts with your online bill pay system, you must change the address within your bank's system or your mail will be returned by the post office.

Late fees will apply to unpaid balances. All correspondence and payments must be made to the above address.

Election for Board of Directors

Hayden Lake Irrigation District is governed by a three (3) member Board of Directors. The Directors term of office is 3 years. Each year one of the Directors is up for election. The election takes place the first Tuesday in November. A Declaration of Candidacy form must be completed and turned into the office by September 22, 2011. To be eligible for candidacy you must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of Kootenai County
- Be an owner of land within the District for the 30 day period preceding the election
- Be a qualified elector –qualified elector is defined as any person who is eighteen (18) years of age, is a United States citizen and who has resided in this state and in the county at least thirty (30) days preceding the next election at which he/she desires to vote, and who is registered as required by law.

Notice of Election will be placed in the legal section of the Coeur d' Alene Press in September. If you are interested in becoming a Director please stop in or contact us at any time and we will be happy to discuss this with you.

How to Contact Us

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Administrator - Alan Miller - Alan@haydenirrigation.com

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Or visit our website at www.haydenirrigation.com