

Hayden Lake Irrigation District

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Important Dates to Remember:

- *October 17: Board Meeting at 6 PM*
- *October 31st: 3rd Qtr. water payment due*
- *November Board Meetings at 6:00pm, 11/7*
- *December Board Meetings at 6:00pm, 12/5*
- *December 20: First Half of Irrigation Assessments Due*

Domestic Allotments:

4th Quarter 2017—20,000 gallons
1st Quarter 2018—15,000 gallons

Fire Hydrant Access

The snow will be flying before too long and 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.

Water Rate Increase

Water rates have been established for the fiscal year 2018 and a small increase was necessary. The domestic and commercial rate was increased \$8.00 per year. This is a \$2.00 per quarter increase. Water allocations will remain the same; excess water fee has remained the same.

The rate change will be effective beginning October and applied to the 4th quarter bill received in January. The 2018 Irrigation Assessment will increase slightly and it will be discussed in more detail in the newsletter included with the Irrigation Assessment bill.

Customer Reminders

Please help us assist you better by following a few guidelines :

- 1) **Keep your account information up-to-date., including your mailing address and telephone number.**
- 2) **Keep your meters free of bark and rock, don't cover the meter boxes.**
- 3) **Avoid planting trees or shrubs by or around your meter. Trees will grow and, in some cases, roots may wrap around the service line and decrease the water flow.**

If you keep these tips in mind, it will help us service your meter needs and maintain access to the water valves. Access to the meters is a must.

Billing Cycles

Just a reminder regarding the District's billing cycle, mailing time frame and due dates for the 5 bills sent per year.

Irrigation Assessments are billed in the fall and the first half is due by December 20th of that year. The second half is due by June 20th of the following year. No statement is sent for the second half. There is always an option to pay the entire bill by the December 20th due date.

It is the District's 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>Water Usage Period</u>	<u>Month Sent</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
4th Quarter — October, November and December	January	1/31
1st Quarter — January, February and March	April	4/30
2nd Quarter — April, May and June	July	7/31
3rd Quarter — July, August and September	October	10/31



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

Email & Text Message Reminder

It is the responsibility of the person digging to call 811 to prevent damage to underground utilities and possible personal injury from damaging underground facilities. Remember to dial 811 before digging **for any reason, at any depth**. One call notifies all local utility companies of your intent to dig.

Utility location service is free—repairs for damaged facilities and medical expenses 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, visit www.call811.com.

Don't forget about our Email & Text Message Reminder service available to all our customers. We send out a reminder email or text message when bills have been mailed, bills are approaching due date or the second half irrigation assessment is due. If you would like this reminder email or text message sent, please provide your service address, email address or if electing a text message, your cell phone number and carrier. For example: district@haydenirrigation.com or 208-555-1234 with Verizon. Please contact us via our website or call us to be added to the list.

Winterizing Sprinkler and Irrigation Systems

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

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.

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 break. Several short pressurizations are better than one long pressurization. When a sprinkler component breaks under pressure, it can

quickly become flying debris which can result in injuries.

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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Upcoming Billings:	Look for it:	Due Date:
Irrigation Assessment	November 22nd	December 20th
4th Qtr. 2017 Domestic	January 2018	January 31st