

# Hayden Lake Irrigation District



Summer 2010

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## Important Dates to Remember:

- July 20 Board meeting
- July 30 2nd Quarter water payment due date
- August Board Meetings: 8/3 & 8/17
- September Board Meetings: 9/7 & 9/21

*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.

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](http://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](mailto:district@haydenirrigation.com)

Upcoming Billings:	Look for it:	Due Date:
3rd Qtr. 2010 Domestic	October 6	October 30
2011 Irrigation Assessment	November 2010	December 20
4th Qtr. 2010 Domestic	January 10	January 30

## Credit/Debit Card Payments



We are pleased to announce we accept Credit/Debit cards. We will not accept credit/debit cards in the office. Payments can be made via the internet or by phone. Payments are made through a third party administrator who processes and handles all the payments and keeps us in compliance with all the rules for the different credit/debit card companies..

There is a convenience fee charged by the third party of 3% with a minimum of \$2.00 per transaction. All the information you need to pay using your credit/debit card is on the front of your bill on the bottom right corner or on the back under Terms of Payment. Once you log onto our website you will select the button marked "Pay Bill" and follow the simple steps, or you can call the phone number listed and pay over the phone. All payments made will be posted the next business day.

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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 along with smaller lawn areas and trees. Trees provide shade which helps cool your home, reducing power consumption, shade the lawn and landscape which reduces the amount of water necessary. 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.

## 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 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.

## How to Contact Us

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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.