

Hayden Lake Irrigation District

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Important Dates to Remember:

- July 21 Board meeting
- July 31 2nd Quarter water payment due date
- August Board Meetings: 8/4 & 8/18
- September Board Meetings: 9/1 & 9/15

*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 and capacity 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 patrons 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 patrons 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 need 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.

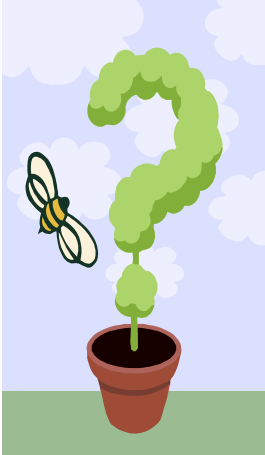
Utility location service is free - repairs for damaged facilities, medical expenses, and lost wages are not. Please call 2-10 working days prior to excavation. Before you call, please have ready the following information: Street address or legal description, contact person, phone number, and what type 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:
2nd qtr. 2009 usage	July 8	July 31
3rd qtr. 2009 usage	October 10	October 30
2010 Irrigation Assessment	November 2009	Dec 20, 2009
4th qtr. 2009 usage	January 10	January 30

Billing Confusion?



Our last statement was less confusing. We thought we had it, but the irrigation assessment due date still confused some. We will continue to refine the information we provide in a manner that is clear and understandable to you. You will find the terms of payment and other information describing your responsibilities on the back of the statement. We will continue to do our part to communicate clearly. If you have questions please call. We appreciate our customers keeping their accounts current.

Address Change

Please make note of our new mailing address:

Hayden Lake Irrigation District

2160 W Dakota Avenue

Hayden, ID 83835-5122

We are no longer using our post office box.

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 risk having your mail returned by the post office. Late fees will apply to unpaid balances. All correspondence and payments be must made to the above address.

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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 can travel easily could add contamination to 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. North Idaho College will be offering a class "Landscaping with Native Plants" this summer to provide information and ideas.
- 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 publics 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 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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