

# Hayden Lake Irrigation District

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### Important Dates to Remember:

- Quarterly invoices are due 7/31/18
- July 10th Board Meeting at 6PM
- August 7th Board Meeting at 6PM

## Mandatory Water Restrictions

The District is implementing a **MANDATORY** odd/even watering schedule until further word. We would strongly encourage all District customers to strictly follow the schedule until otherwise notified. One of the District's Wells is out of service. This time of year, the heat will only increase, making the need for water more and more important. We all need to do our part and follow the odd/even watering schedule to conserve water. The District is not limiting our customers use or changing the allocation of water. The odd/even schedule will still allow our customers to maintain their landscaping, while still reducing the peak season demands on the water distribution system.

The District is hopeful the odd/even water schedule will be a thing of the past in the future as we have been actively working on installing a new tower. Recently, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) accepted the District's proposed tower site and we hope to move forward with the plans to build a tower soon. If the tower is successful, the odd/even schedule would not be necessary and the District will be better equipped to meet the District's irrigation needs and secure the public's safety by increasing our water supply. We will keep you posted on the progress of the new tower and appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

## District News

Due to the Independence Day holiday, the July 2018 Board meeting will be held on July 10th at 6:00pm.

The consumer confidence Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is available on our website, [www.Haydenirrigation.com](http://www.Haydenirrigation.com). Just click on "Your Water" and the link "Drinking Water Quality Report" to see how the District did. The report is designed to inform our customers about the quality of their water.

The District is almost through another backflow season. Thank you to all of our customers who made an effort to get their backflow assemblies tested in a timely manner, before the deadline date of June 30, 2018. This year, the State Plumbing Code has been revised. The District is complying with the code. What this means to the public is if your backflow assembly is presently a double check, and the system needs to be replaced in the future, an RP (Reduced Pressure) or PVB (Pressure Vacuum Breaker) will need to replace the double check. If a double check can be repaired, it will not need to be replaced. But, when it needs to be replaced, a new system will need to be installed.

The District's present commercial customers with fire hydrants on private lines will have two choices for the maintenance and repair of the hydrants. The choices have been outlined for our existing customers. Effectively immediately, new customers who request a private fire hydrant be placed on their property will be required to pay the connection fee set by the Board for each hydrant and pay a flat quarterly maintenance fee.



# Flushing the Water System

Protecting the public 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 (pipeline). The fire department can be seen in the District exercising (open and close water main valves) the hydrants and flushing the lines but not to the standard the District is required to perform. Flushing may appear to be a waste of water but it is the best method of maintaining clean pipelines. Please be respectful of our staff when they are performing these operations and give them the room they need to do their job safely. Thank you!

## Election for Board of Directors

Hayden Lake Irrigation District is governed by a three member Board of Directors. The Directors term of office is 3 years. Each year one of the Directors is up for election. The 2018 election takes place Tuesday November 6, 2018. A Declaration of Candidacy form must be completed and turned into the office by September 28, 2018. To be eligible for candidacy you must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of Kootenai County.
- Be an owner of land and reside within the District for the 30 day period preceding the election.
- Be a qualified elector –qualified elector is defined as any person who is 18 years of age, is a United States citizen and who has resided in this state and in the county at least 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.

## Water Meters / Easements

Over the past year, we have noticed an increase in buried and/or damaged meter boxes, lids and meters and landscaping and construction on easements. Please help keep costs down. Below is a list of what you can do to help:

- Keep meter box lids clear. If buried under grass, bushes, rock, bark etc., please uncover the meter lid.
- Be careful when plowing or mowing not to damage the meter box and lid.
- Do not add/modify anything inside the meter box.
- Do not build on the District easement without prior approval. Keep in mind, if the District needs to get to the waterline, the infrastructure will be removed at the owners expense.
- If landscaping is added to the easement and it needs to be removed to access the line, it will be removed at the owner's expense.

## Email/Text Reminders

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, second half irrigation assessment due and if there is a Water Alert. 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 the District via the website or call the District office to be added to the list.



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)

Upcoming Billings:	Look for it:	Due Date:
3r Qtr. 2018 Domestic	October 1	October 31
2019 Irrigation Assessment	Mid November	December 20
4th Qtr. 2018 Domestic	January 2	January 31