



# CONSOLIDATED IRRIGATION DISTRICT 19

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## SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER

### Important information

- ❖ Summer allowances are 117,612 cubic feet per acre.
- ❖ Excess water bills less than \$25 will automatically be placed on property taxes. If you wish to pay your balance before December of the current year, please register for paperless billing.
- ❖ Credit/Debit cards are accepted on our **WEBSITE ONLY** - We are not equipped to take payments over the phone. Checks or cash are accepted in the office.
- ❖ Residential customers with irrigation systems are required by state law to have a backflow device which must be tested annually. Proof of testing must be provided to our office.
- ❖ Landowners are required to turn on/off their own separate irrigation meters if smaller than 3".

### DOMESTIC METER READING AND IRRIGATION SEASON

The District will begin reading meters **April 10th**. If you have a large manual read meter, please remove any insulation from your meter box and clear away bushes, shrubs, etc. prior to the 10th. Residents in developed neighborhoods need not remove insulation as meters are read by remotely. You should still check the meter box for any damage and ensure the insulation is serving its purpose.

*Additionally, the District will do a midsummer reading on some large separate irrigation meters. If you want to know how much water you have used after July you can call the office.*

Simple Tips to help curb water waste - see [spokanewateringnerds.org](http://spokanewateringnerds.org):

1. Water your lawn in the early morning or late evening to minimize evaporation.
2. Use timers to remind you to turn off the water - See Goals below.
3. Inspect irrigation systems and fix leaks and broken or clogged sprinkler heads. Make sure you're watering the yard and not the street and roadways.
4. **Skip a day - lawns only need water every 3 to 5 days in the summer.**
5. Leaving your grass long encourages grass roots to grow deeper and grass blades to hold more moisture.

### CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

As required by the Washington State Department of Health, a report on your water quality is included. The District routinely samples for microbial contaminants such as coliform bacteria, E-Coli, and fecal coliform. The District also samples for lead and copper, inorganic chemicals, and volatile organics every three years. Presently the District chlorinates the system south of the Spokane River. We continually monitor our system for all sources of contaminants and want to assure you the quality of our water is safe. We are committed to providing outstanding service to our customers. Please do your share and install proper backflow devices correctly when installing an irrigation system. You may also notify the office if you notice any suspicious activity or have any water concerns.

### WATER USE EFFICIENCY GOALS

Partner with Consolidated Irrigation District in its goal on reducing water use by: Replacing toilets with water efficient toilets - 1 Toilet per house \$50 rebate; Installing a sprinkler rain sensor - 1 sensor per house \$25 rebate; Installing hose bib timers - 2 hose bib timers up to \$20(receipts must be provided); Help the District in reducing water use during the summer months sign up through the Districts website to observe your water consumption history, visit IWAC (<https://www.iwac.us>)and SAJB ([spokaneaquifer.org](http://spokaneaquifer.org)) for water conservation tips.

### SNOWBIRDS

The fee to turn off/on water meters due to vacancy in the winter will be at the going rate plus overhead and tax. 10-day notice of departure and arrival dates is required. Meters will not be turned back on without the presence of the occupant of the house. However, you are welcome to turn off/on your water meter yourself.

### DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Division No. 1	Paul Schultz	Division No. 4	Jeff Bass
Division No. 2	Steve Schultz - President	Division No. 5	Dan Evans - Vice President
Division No. 3	Denis McLaughlin	Manager	Shane Sheppard

### DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS

Board Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month except for the December meeting which is held on the Monday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday. All meetings are held at the District Office. If you have any questions regarding the operation or policies of the District feel free to contact our office on Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.