



# CONSOLIDATED IRRIGATION DISTRICT 19

(509) 924-3655

[www.consolidatedirrigation.com](http://www.consolidatedirrigation.com)

[cidooffice@comcast.net](mailto:cidooffice@comcast.net)

## *Fall 2026 NEWSLETTER*

- 💧 **METER READING/IRRIGATION TURN OFF:** The District will begin reading meters **mid-October 2026**. *Homeowners should shut off irrigation on or before October 12th.* The stop and drain valve should be turned one quarter (1/4) turn clockwise to shut the water off. Owners are also responsible for protecting the domestic meter from freezing and other damage of the outlet piping and valves. Frost levels vary from year to year. Proper insulation can save you the cost of replacing a frozen meter. See tips below.
- 💧 **TEMPORARY CHLORINATION:** The District will temporarily chlorinate the water system north of the Spokane River for the period October 16, 2026 through November 15, 2026. We hope that by taking this proactive approach, our water will be free of any coliform bacteria contamination introduced by improper sprinkler system blow-outs. Positive coliform can affect the District's water and could result in permanent chlorination. Please do your part and call the District if you see any improper sprinkler blow-outs.
- 💧 **WATER USE EFFICIENCY – Rebates:** 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 (not a temperature 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 by registering your account through the District's website to review your water consumption history, visit IWAC ([iwac.us](http://iwac.us)) and SAJB ([spokaneaquifer.org](http://spokaneaquifer.org)) Outdoor Watering Nerds ([outdoorwateringnerds.org](http://outdoorwateringnerds.org)) for water conservation tips.
- 💧 **DIRECTOR ELECTION:** Director elections will be held for Division Nos. 3 and 4 in December of this year. A Petition for Nomination must be filed in our office by 5:00 pm on Monday, November 2, 2026. Each candidate must obtain a minimum of 10 signatures from landowners within said Division, and the candidate must be a landowner in the Division being petitioned. Please refer to RCW 87 or our Bylaws posted on the District website for further information.

## **COLD WEATHER TIPS:**

- (1) **Insulate the meter box properly** by placing insulation sealed in a plastic bag or a piece of Styrofoam over the top of the meter and tightly against the sides of the meter box. It is not necessary to wrap the meter or pipes.
- (2) **Remove hoses from outside faucets** and be sure they are drained and shut off. Also, make sure your underground sprinkler system is properly drained.
- (3) **In extremely cold weather**, a pencil size stream of water left running will help prevent your service line from freezing.
- (4) **If you plan on leaving for the winter months** you may wish to winterize your home by draining the water. Call the office for more information about the meter shut off.
- (5) **Make sure irrigation valves are shut off properly**. See instructions on our website under YOUR WATER/Irrigation turn off/on procedures.

 **IMPORTANT SPRINKLER SYSTEM BLOW-OUT INFORMATION:** If a sprinkler system is blown out incorrectly, contaminated water may be forced back into the drinking water. Contamination could include decayed vegetation or other organic or inorganic materials which may cause illness (coliform bacteria). **Backflow preventers are required by the State of Washington on all sprinkler systems and must be tested annually.** Please make sure backflow preventers are installed properly and the main shut off valve is closed prior to blowing out your system. A little care will prevent potential serious health risks. Your cooperation is appreciated. There is an informative video that explains the purpose of proper blowouts at <https://vimeo.com/457804658/3513dddf86>

 **WATER QUALITY:** Consolidated Irrigation continually monitors the water supply to ensure its purity and quality. Listed below are ongoing programs that help protect and ensure our water quality. You can find our Consumer Confidence Report on our website.

### **Programs for Protecting Water Quality**

**Wellhead Protection Program** to protect the District's groundwater resources.

**Cross Connection Control Program** to protect the District's drinking water from contamination.

**Chemical and Bacteria Monitoring Program** to ensure that the drinking water is safe.

**Reservoir Maintenance and Inspection Program** to protect distribution system water quality.

**Flushing of "Dead End" lines** to prevent stagnant water and taste and odor problems.

**Spokane Aquifer Joint Board (SAJB) and Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative (IWAC)** – these are professional organizations committed to protecting the Spokane Valley -Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer.

### **PRESENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

|                |                           |                |                |
|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Division No. 1 | Paul Schultz              | Division No. 4 | Jeff Bass      |
| Division No. 2 | Steve Schultz - President | Division No. 5 | Greg Utecht    |
| Division No. 3 | Denis McLaughlin - VP     | 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 with the exception of 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.