Greetings from Winter 2011

Benton Irrigation District

Start Up

Please close all your delivery valves after the first of the year. We will be filling the main lines in March and if your valves are open you may have flooding. Check the Benton Irrigation District (BID) website for start-up dates. When the water comes on in the Spring please check for leaks or other problems. If you find any problems please contact the BID water line. [www.bidwater.org](http://www.bidwater.org)

Changes to your irrigation bill

The language on your statement has been changed to comply with the bond resolution. The word “levy” has been changed to “tolls” and the heading will read tolls & charges. Also if you have not received your bill by the middle of January please contact our office to verify we have your correct billing address. It is the water user’s responsibility to update your billing information with the District. Failure to do so may result in your water to be shut off and late fees added to your bill.

Filters

All deliveries with filters will be moved above ground due to an invasive species of clams entering our system and conveyance. Please remember, if you have a filter on your system it must be in place while running water. This is to protect the pressure regulating and dole valves. It is the user’s responsibility to clean the filter. Water Line 588-3510

Tampering or Modification

Modification of the water delivery system is a prosecutable offense without written permission by the Benton Irrigation District. Tampering and/or modifying a delivery could result in: your water being turned off until the next regularly scheduled board meeting, paying all the cost for repair, an administrative fee of $250 for the first time, $1,000 the second time with possible prosecution and water shut-off for the remainder of the season.

Payments

Your water assessment must be paid before April 1st to avoid interruption of your water delivery and additional charges. There is a new $50 fee to turn water back on if you are shut off for nonpayment. All assessments must be paid in full to the Benton County Treasurers office or drop box in front of Benton City Hall. For questions about billing or parcels please call our billing department at 588-4396

Water Allotments

The Bureau of Reclamations has set our water allotment at 26,946.60 GPM. We have 4,630 irrigable acres in our district. Each acre receives 5.82 GPM. The board has established a 6 GPM minimum allotment for services of one acre and less.

Office 588-4396