

Greetings from



Fall 2015

Benton Irrigation District

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Winterization

Please make sure all valves and filters are open at the end of the water season. A final cleaning of the filter should be done after water is off with lower drain open. You will need to drain your personal line after the second valve. If you need help, call the water line. IF DAMAGES OCCUR DUE TO NOT OPENING OR DRAINING YOUR DELIVERY, YOU MAY BE CHARGED FOR REPAIRS.

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 end 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 being shut off and late fees added to your bill.

Delivery theft and vandalism

This year the District has had a rash of theft and vandalism to some deliveries. It is under investigation by the Benton County Sheriff's office. If you see any delivery being tampered with please contact the District immediately (588-3510). **EVERYONE THAT PAYS ASSESSMENTS PAYS TO REPAIR THESE DELIVERIES...IT'S YOUR MONEY!**

Tampering or Modification

Modification of the water delivery system is a prosecutable offense if modified 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 offense, \$1,000 the second offense with possible prosecution and water shut-off for the remainder of the season. **DO NOT DISMANTLE ANY PART OF YOUR DELIVERY OTHER THAN CLEANING YOUR FILTER.**

****2015 shut off****

The Board of Directors has set an October 16, 2015 to shut the water off for the season.

State Audit

This July the District was involved in 2 consecutive Audits; Financial and Federal Audits. Once again the District is proud to announce that at the Audit Exit on August 7th there were no findings, letters, recommendations, deficiencies or weaknesses.

Operations

Your water is available 24 hours a day, unless you are in a user group (they know who they are) and you may turn your water off and on at anytime. If you are in a user group in the spring please make sure your **DATE & TIME** on your automatic timers are set correctly. Occasionally, unforeseen interruptions may occur, please check the website to see if there are any outages. If you experience a loss of pressure make sure your filter is clean and your valves are open before you call for service. If you call the water line for service you **MUST leave your name, address and contact number.**

Marijuana Growers

In November of 2012 WA State passed a law (I-502) making it legal to produce marijuana in WA State with a State issued license. The District is aware of the fact that there are grow operations within the District boundaries. The Bureau of Reclamation has released a statement saying that it is **ILLEGAL** to use federal irrigation water for the use of marijuana growing. The District has been contacted by the Bureau for information regarding the growers in our District. The District has fully cooperated with and will continue to cooperate with the Bureau. The Bureau has stated that they will turn in any growers using Federal irrigation water for marijuana growing purposes to the U.S. Department of Justice.

Billing; 588-4396

Water line; 588-3510

Website; www.bidwater.org