

Greetings from



Spring 2016

# Benton Irrigation District

## \*\*\*\*\*Start Up\*\*\*\*\*

After the first of the year please close all valves to avoid flooding when we start to turn the water on in March to begin filling the main lines. Check the Benton Irrigation District (BID) website for startup 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.

## About BID

In 1912 the US Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) established the boundaries of the District and entered into a contract with the District. The USBR set the amount of irrigable acres (4630) and how much water the District would be allotted. Even though the contract has been amended a few times the acres have never changed, however the District did negotiate for 68.9% Sr. water rights. In this contract the USBR has required the District to assess irrigable acres a percentage of the operating & maintenance costs associated with the District. The driving force of the amount of the assessments are; 1. Electricity (BREA has informed the District it will go up approx. \$45,000.00) 2. Debt Service for the District bonds, this amount was set forth in the issuance of the Bonds, and the Bond Resolution. After the annual Bond review, the District went from an "A" minus Bond Rating to a solid "A" Bond Rating due to the financial stability of the District.

## 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.**



## Payments

Your water assessment must be paid before April 1st to avoid interruption of your water delivery and additional charges. **There is a \$50 fee (paid at the BID office) to turn water back on if you are shut off for non-payment. 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.

## Filters

We are happy to help. If you are having trouble or need help learning how to clean the filter, please call the water line. 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. Keep filters clean to protect the PRV screens, it is the water users responsibility to keep filters clean.

## 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. 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.**

## Troubleshooting

If you have a problem with your system, please check these things;

1. Make sure your valve(s) is all the way open
2. Is there a dirty or plugged filter?
3. Is a sprinkler head plugged?
4. Are you trying to run to many sprinklers?

## Emergencies

**For flooding emergencies ONLY;** please call 509-546-0282. All other requests for service must be directed to the water line.

**Billing; 588-4396**

**Water line; 588-3510**

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**Website; [www.bidwater.org](http://www.bidwater.org)**