

Greetings From



Fall 2017

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. If you need help call the water line. You will need to drain your personal line. IF DAMAGES OCCUR DUE TO NOT OPENING OR DRAINING YOUR DELIVERY, YOU MAY BE CHARGED FOR REPAIRS.

Your irrigation bill

The irrigation assessments are sent out in January; 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.**

Your Payment

The District sends out the yearly assessments, but the payment **MUST BE REMITTED TO THE BENTON COUNTY TREASURER**, all of the information is on your assessment. In order to help you plan better as to when you make your payments please take note; if you pay either online or in person with a debit/credit card it can take up to 10 days for these payments to be posted with the Treasurer's office and the District is notified that the payment has been processed. Checks and cash are posted the same day. Please make sure to take this into account in order to avoid being shut off after May 1st.

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.**

Land Division Guidelines

The Benton Irrigation Board of Directors adopted a resolution that the same approvals and conditions as short plats will be applied to any division of irrigable property within BID district boundaries **REGARDLESS** of whether the division is exempt from County platting or subdivision procedures.

Easement Accessibility

There are easements throughout the District in order to service and repair the irrigation infrastructure. It is **VITAL** to have access to these easements **AT ALL TIMES** in order to perform the daily operations of the District. The District asks that property owners please keep all easements clear & open of any obstructions. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Deliveries

The Benton Irrigation District **REQUIRES ALL PARCELS** with irrigable land and receives an assessment from the District to have an irrigation delivery on the property. The new delivery's **WILL BE AT THE OWNERS EXPENSE.**

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

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