

# The Water Connection

SEPTEMBER 2012

## Conservation Tip

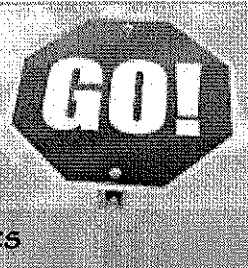
Plant in the fall when conditions are cooler and rainfall is more plentiful.



## Go Green!

Go to [www.nkwsd.com](http://www.nkwsd.com) to sign up for and view

Paperless Statements



## October Board Meetings

Regularly scheduled Board meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month and begin at 12:30 p.m. They are held at the District office.

October's meetings are scheduled for October 4th and 18th.

## Bottled vs. Tap

Isn't water costing about \$1 a bottle these days or is it more? So let's do the math. If you drink 8 8-ounce glasses of water a day for good health and you're getting that from bottled water, you could be paying as much as \$1460 per year. *Ouch!*

If you pay \$50 per month on your water bill, which includes all your watering needs like showers, laundry, etc., that comes to \$600 per year. A lot of our customers' monthly average is even less than that. So you not only save lots of money filling up a glass at the tap, but you are saving the environment as well by eliminating all those plastic bottles that don't disintegrate.

## NKWSD OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 am – 4:45 pm

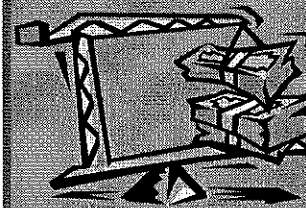
## New Office Location



### 13649 N Meyer Rd, Rathdrum

Directions - We are located on Meyer Road between Lancaster and Boekel on the west side of the road.

## Announcing Our New BUDGET BILLING

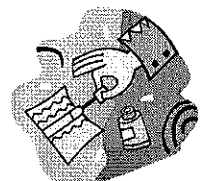


We have just started a brand new Budget Billing Program. If you are interested in receiving the same monthly payment year round, call the office at 208-687-6593 to find out how you can sign up.

## Take Note

1. Our Post Office Box in Hayden will be closing. Send all correspondence to: NKWSD, 13649 N Meyer Rd, Rathdrum ID 83858.
2. When paying us through your bank, please make sure you have given them our new address. This may mean you need to close your current pay set-up on their website and reset-up with our new mailing information.

**Newsletter Correction** - Last month we mentioned Cliff Harris in our newsletter. We referred to him as a meteorologist. One of our customers pointed out that Mr. Harris is a climatologist. Our apologies for the error.





## Connecting with Mike...



**Mike Galante**  
District Manager

This portion of the newsletter will be an informational section. I will address specific areas of the District with regards to construction projects, maintenance projects, special notices, and general information on North Kootenai Water & Sewer District's activity. If you have any comments or questions regarding items covered you can contact me by e-mail at [mikeg@nkwsd.com](mailto:mikeg@nkwsd.com).

Construction projects to replace existing infrastructure are now complete for this calendar year. Future projects the District is projecting are: Replacement of the waterline on Saxon Drive, St. James Avenue, and Sherwood Court. These are major pipeline replacement projects. It is likely that the District will have to do these in segments due to the replacement costs.

Conservation efforts that have been underway this past year include replacement of old water meters.

Accuracy of meters deteriorates over time, registering less water than actually goes through them. Replacing these with new meters ensures that water usage is charged accurately and fairly. Please remember to adjust your sprinkler systems as the season changes. Your lawn and shrubs will require less water as the season cools off. I recommend that you look into installing a rain sensor on your automatic sprinkler system. Ask your sprinkler man about one when he does your annual winterization.

The fall season is upon us and each year the District staff insulates your water meter. This involves installing a closed cell foam sheet over the meter. This foam sheet acts to trap the warmer air below the meter and keeps it from freezing during the winter months. We will do this for you in the fall. Please do not install house type fiberglass insulation in the meter boxes. This gets wet from the moisture in the box and then loses its insulating ability.

Sincerely,

*Mike*



Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.

Remember, you must call 811  
before digging for any  
reason, at any depth,  
at least 48 hours prior to digging.  
**Locates Are Free. Repairs Are Not!**

## Credit Card Payments

If you like making your payment with your credit or debit card, you can do so by coming into our office or going to our website at [www.nkwsd.com](http://www.nkwsd.com). You can use an American Express, Discover, MasterCard or Visa card.

When going to our website, click on Certified Payments. Then hit "Next" located at the bottom right of your screen. Fill-out all appropriate screens and hit "Next" until you have completed the payment process.

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Shirley Stoller, Director/Vice President  
Alanna Brooks, Director/Secretary  
Jim Omerso, Director/Treasurer  
Jack Hern, Director

## ATTENTION SNOW BIRDS

Those hot summer days are coming to an end. All you snow birds are probably getting ready to go to a warmer part of the country. Don't forget to give us your correct winter mailing address. If you want your water consumption estimated at zero, let us know that as well. *Have a safe and wonderful winter!*



## Make a Payment at Super 1 Foods

You can now go to Super 1 Foods on Highway 95 and Hayden Avenue to make a payment. Just take your sealed NKWSD envelope into the service desk.

Of course, we will still accept checks, cash and credit/debit cards at our new Meyer Road address or you can always pay online on our website at [www.nkwsd.com](http://www.nkwsd.com).

## Twin Lakes Turn-Off

To our customers at Twin Lakes who only have summer service. Our plans are to turn off the line in the lake the first week of October. As always, this is weather related and the service could be turned off sooner if we suddenly experience freezing temperatures.