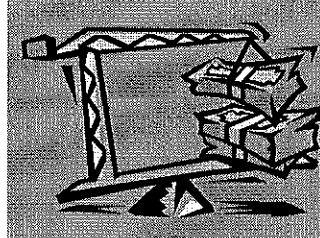


# The WaterConnection

October 2012

## Budget Billing

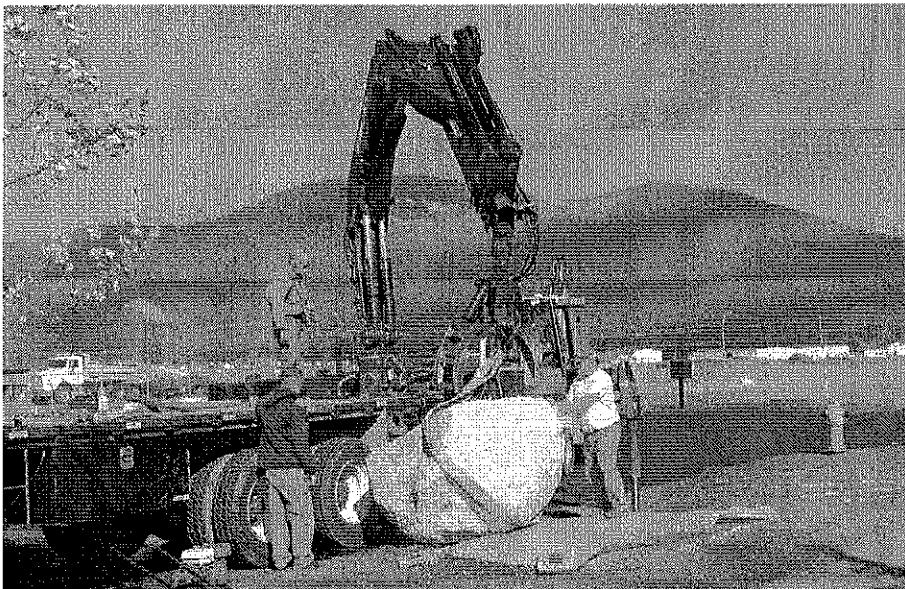
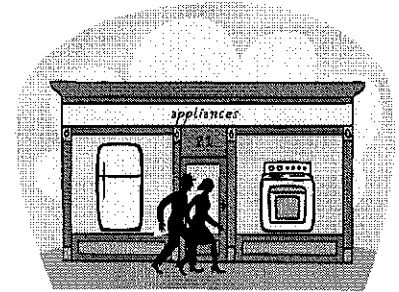
A couple of months ago we began a Budget Billing program that had been requested by several of our customers. Budget Billing keeps your monthly bills the same year round. This makes it easier for some of our customers to budget their incomes. It also helps in the summer because you don't have a spike in your water bills. Budget billing does require your winter bills to be higher than normal to offset the lower summer month's payments.



Every week we are having people call to ask what their monthly bill would be on the budget billing program. They are signing up just as quickly. If you think this is something that would be a help to you and your household, give us a call. It just takes a couple of minutes for us to bring up your account and configure what your budget billing amount would be. The decision is then up to you.

## Conservation Tip

Some refrigerators, air conditioners and ice-makers are cooled with wasted flows of water. Consider upgrading with air-cooled appliances for significant water savings.



On the ground left to right - NKWSD employees Nate Ferguson and Brad White help to place the new boulder that will serve as the new North Kootenai Water District sign. The carving of the bolder will take place in the near future.

## Attention! Closing Hayden Post Office Box

Our old mailing address was a Post Office Box in Hayden. This Post Office Box will be closed.

Please send all correspondence to our new mailing address:

**13649 N Meyer Rd  
Rathdrum ID 83835**

## NKWSD OFFICE HOURS

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



## Connecting with Mike...



Mike Galante  
District Manager

In this issue I'd like to talk to NKWSD customers about meter winterization. Each year the District's staff winterizes your water meter. We do this by installing foam insulation on top of the meter. The foam insulation installed on top of your meter is there to hold the ground heat from below the meter, and actually keep it from freezing. The foam insulation also does not absorb moisture. House type fiberglass insulation gets wet and loses its insulation value, so please don't install this type of insulation in your meter box.

October is typically the last month of meter reading for the year. We do have some of the District meters converted to the newer radio read water meters and we are able to read these throughout the year. Only in high snow level years are we unable to read the radio meters. Other manual read meters are estimated for the winter usage, and a correction either plus or minus is done each spring.

Fire hydrant clearing - the District staff tries to keep fire hydrants clear of snow in the winter months, but due to the high number of hydrants, and limited time between snow storms, we often get behind in this endeavor. I'd like to ask the residents that have a fire hydrant in their yards to help us out should we have a snowy winter. Thank you.

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!**

### Mom's Apple Pie

6-8 Tart Apples (six cups, pared, cored, thinly sliced)  
1 1/2 C Sugar                      Dash Nutmeg  
2 TBS Flour                        1/4 tsp Salt  
1 tsp Cinnamon                 2 TBS Butter  
Pastry for Double Crust Pie

If apples lack tartness, sprinkle with about 1 tablespoon lemon juice. Combine sugar, flour, spices and salt. Mix with apples. Fill a 9 inch pie crust with apples and dot with butter. Adjust top crust, cutting slits for escape of steam. Seal, and sprinkle with sugar. Bake at 400 degrees for 50 minutes or until done.

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### ATTENTION SNOW BIRDS



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. In the Spring, we will need 48 hours notice to turn your meter back on.

*Have a safe and wonderful winter!*

### Take Note

1. 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.
2. Regular November Board meetings will be held on Thursdays, November 1st and 15th, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

