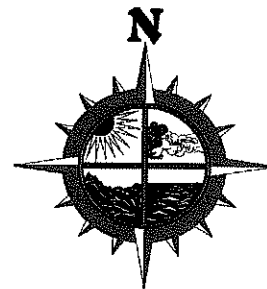


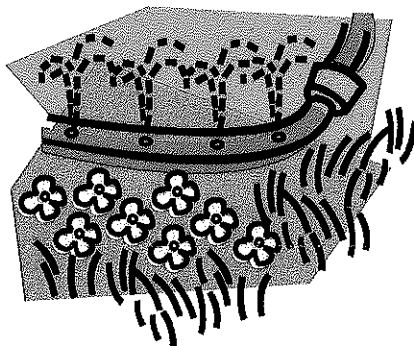
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Backflow Prevention

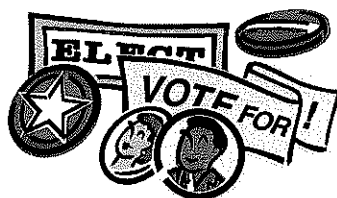
Potential problems may occur with the drinking water in your home if you have installed a lawn irrigation system. It is possible for contaminations such as fertilizers, bug sprays, insects, bacteria, and other organic compounds to backflow into your drinking water, which can make you sick or even cause death. This can happen where the lawn irrigation piping is connected to the potable waterline. The solution is simple with the installation of a testable backflow preventer device installed at the connection point of the irrigation system and the potable water source.



Once you have a backflow device installed, you must have it tested annually by a certified backflow tester. This has to be done in the spring before you turn on your irrigation system. Your tester will send North Kootenai Water District your test results. All tests with a passed result must be into our office by **July 1, 2013**. Failure to do so will result in fines and/or interrupted water service. Note that this date has been changed from the previously printed date of July 15.

Board Election

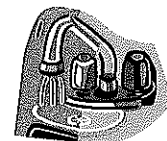
Are you interested in being a member of North Kootenai Water District's Board of Directors? To qualify you must be a District customer that resides within the District's boundaries. Interested parties must file for candidacy at the Kootenai County Board of Elections by March 22, 2013 before 5 p.m. You can come to our office or go to the Board of Elections website for a Declaration of Candidacy form. The Board of Elections website address is www.co.kootenai.id.us. Go to the Candidate Downloads tab, then to the Taxing District Candidate Declaration.



The new Board of Directors will be elected at the May election held on May 21, 2013. For more information, contact the District office.

Conservation Tip

Teach your children to turn off faucets tightly after each use.



Account Numbers

When paying your water bill with a credit card online or through automatic bank withdrawals, please make sure you are using the correct account number. Your account number is different from the billing ID. The billing ID does not help us post your payment to your account. Your account number should be nine digits long with a dash between the 7th and 8th digits. For example: 1000001-01. Please be sure to include the dash. Your payment will not post correctly without it. We thank you for your cooperation.

Meter Change-outs

In about a month, the residents in Mountain View Terrace will see our service technicians in their area. We will be changing out some very old meters with new, radio-read meters. You can expect some interruptions of water service during this time. Water should be restored within the hour in most instances. Please make note of where your meter is and make sure you have removed anything that will obstruct this very necessary work. If you have any questions, please contact the District office.