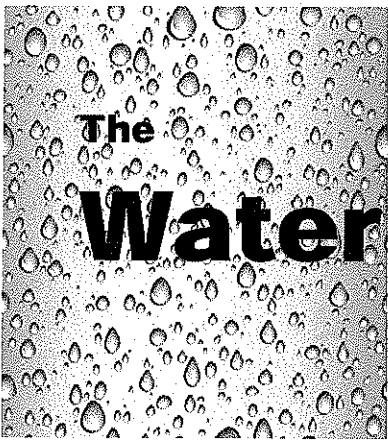


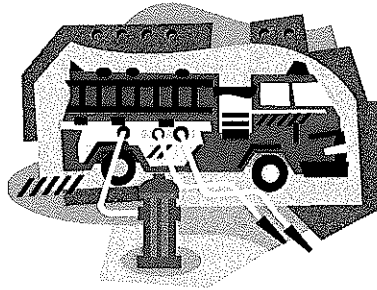
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# The Water Connection

## Fire Hydrant Flushing

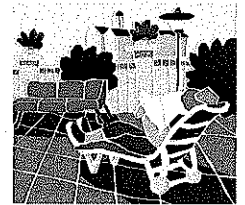
Northern Lakes Fire Protection District will be flushing fire hydrants in the Hayden area beginning April 15th. This will continue for three months. Our customers may experience lower water pressure during these times.



For our Rimrock customers: due to the brown water that can result in fire hydrant flushing, you will be notified by letter when the flushing will begin in your area. We anticipate this to happen after the other Hayden areas have been completed.

## Conservation Tip

Walkways, decks and patios provide space that never need to be watered. They can also add value to your property.



## Backflow Prevention

Springtime is the time for turning on irrigation systems. At this time, you must have your sprinkler system's backflow device tested by a certified backflow tester. We cannot stress enough the importance of this test. The tester must send a copy of the passed test result into our office by **July 1st**.



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

## Call Before You Dig

Spring is here and hopefully the weather will be cooperating by the time you receive this newsletter. People will be excitedly beginning those spring projects after the long winter. Whether you are planting trees, beginning a new garden, building a new deck or making a new sidewalk, digging can be dangerous if you do not know where your utility lines are. Be sure to call 811 before you dig for any reason at any depth. You should call 48 hours before you begin your project. All utility companies will come to your residence and mark the utility lines. This is a free service to you. If the utility lines are not marked and you hit one, it could cost you lots. If you hit an electric line or a gas line, it could be deadly.

Please know that the water lines are a little different than some other utility lines. We installed the main lines in the street and stopped at your meter. The person building the home had the water lines put in from the meter to your house. Because of this, North Kootenai Water District does not know where your water lines are after the meter. You will need to hire someone to locate those lines if you do not know where they are. This may come as an expense but could be a lot less expensive than hitting your water line and having it repaired plus the cost of the water and any damage the leaking water does to your home and property.



## ATTENTION SNOW BIRDS

We need 48 hours notice to have your water reconnected for the summer.



## Safety Regulation

If you live next to one of our well houses, be aware that you are not permitted to use fertilizer or bug killer within 50 feet of the well house. This is an important part of keeping our drinking water safe.