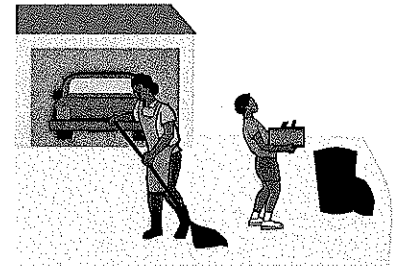


The Water Connection

May 2013

Conservation Tip

Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway and sidewalk.



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**.

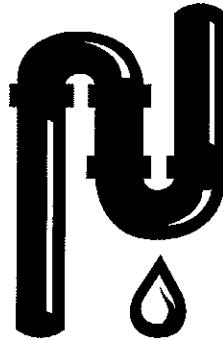
New Rates Approved

For all systems, excluding Gozzer Ranch and Hayden Haven/Gem Shores, you will notice an increase in your base water fees beginning May 16th. The System Access fee is increasing from \$17.50 per month to \$18.36 per month.

Sewer fees for Gozzer Ranch are increasing on May 16th, as well. Metered lots will change to \$49.85 per month and un-metered lots will change to \$40.17 per month.

Water Leaks

If you are experiencing higher than normal water bills, you may have a leak. Some leaks can be detected by looking at the water meter. If all water is off, the dials on the water meter should not move. If the meter is moving, water is going somewhere. If you cannot see water leaking, you could have a pipe leaking underground. At this point, you should probably call a plumber or a leak detector.




Some leaks occur in sprinkler systems. You cannot check for a leak in your sprinkler system by using the water meter. You need a sprinkler company to help find these leaks.

If you do have an underground leak that you have repaired, send us a letter stating you had a leak repaired. Also send copies of invoices from plumbers or, if you repaired the leak yourself, copies of receipts where you purchased the things needed to make the repair. North Kootenai Water District will look at the highest month of water consumption and adjust that month. We will take that month back to normal and you will be responsible for the normal usage plus half of the overage. The other half will be taken off your account.

**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.

Sorry We'll be **CLOSED** Monday, May 27th in honor of Memorial Day.



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Call before you dig.