



# The Water Connection



North Kootenai Water and Sewer District

## October 2013 Issue

### *New Water Rates*

Beginning October 16, 2013, water rates are changing from:

0 to 5,000 gallons	=	\$1.15 per thousand gallons
5,001 to 15,000 gallons	=	\$1.33 per thousand gallons
15,001 to 30,000 gallons	=	\$1.51 per thousand gallons
30,001 gallons and above	=	\$2.30 per thousand gallons

To:

0 to 5,000 gallons	=	\$1.20 per thousand gallons
5,001 to 30,000 gallons	=	\$1.50 per thousand gallons
30,001 to 60,000 gallons	=	\$2.00 per thousand gallons
60,001 gallons and above	=	\$2.30 per thousand gallons

This change will first appear on your November 16th statement. In most cases, you will now be allowed more gallons before going up to the next tier. You will not reach the \$2.30 tier until over 60,000 gallons. Before, you hit this tier at over 30,000 gallons. This will make watering your lawn in the summer more affordable.

### *Estimating Reads*

For those customers that have a manual read meter, we will begin estimating your monthly usage as soon as freezing temperatures make it too difficult for us to read your meter. This usually begins with our November or December reads. Your statement will indicate whether your read was a normal or an estimated read. When estimating, your reads will be the same throughout the winter months. In the spring, we will manually read your meter and make any adjustments to your account based on your actual winter usage. Estimated usage can be changed if you feel we are estimating incorrectly. Let us know and we will change it.

For all our customers who have radio read meters, your meter will continue to be read each month and no spring adjustment will occur.

### **Twin Lakes Turn-Off**

To our customers at Twin Lakes who only have summer service. The water has been turned off for the winter. It will be turned on again in the spring when there is no chance of freezing conditions occurring.

### *Conservation Tip*

Designate one glass for your drinking water each day or refill a water bottle. This will cut down on the number of glasses to wash.



### *Getting Ready for Winter*

Don't forget to unhook your hoses from your outside water spigots before freezing temperatures occur. If left attached, your water-lines could freeze.

Also, please do not attempt to protect your water meter from freezing by putting house insulation around it. This type of insulation will get wet and actually cause the meter to freeze. If your meter has frozen in the past, contact our office and we will use the correct type of insulation material to protect the meter. If your meter has never frozen, you won't need this service.

### *Snow Birds*

The cooler temperatures are pushing our snow birds to a warmer climate. 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!*

