



North Kootenai Water and Sewer District

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Backflow Prevention

The following Consumer Warning was printed in a brochure by The American Backflow Prevention Association: "Potential problems may occur with your potable drinking water in your home with the installation of a lawn irrigation system that can make you sick. It is possible for contaminations, such as fertilizers, bug sprays, insects, bacteria, and other organic compounds to backflow into your drinking water. Where the lawn irrigation piping is connected to the potable waterline is called a cross-connection. The solution is simple with the installation of a backflow preventer installed at the connection point of the irrigation system and the potable water source."

Because of the importance of installing these devices, North Kootenai Water District along with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality has made it a requirement that you have a backflow prevention device installed on your irrigation system and that these devices are checked by a certified backflow assembly tester each year. The tester should test the device before the irrigation system is turned on for spring/summer irrigation season and send us a copy of the test results. Be sure you get a copy, as well.

A passed test must be turned into our office by June 1, 2014.

Because of the high numbers of tests that have to be performed in such a short amount of time, it is best for you to schedule your test now with the tester of your choice. Getting on their list now will assure you have the test done by the June 1 deadline. After June 1, \$50 fines will be placed on water accounts.

If you have any questions about installation of a backflow assembly device or the test, please contact our office. We can also send you the brochure mentioned above by the American Backflow Prevention Association, as long as supplies last.



Return of the Snowbird

For any snowbirds returning in March, contact us two work days prior to needing your water turned on. If you ask for the water to be turned on the same day, you will be charged a \$50 service fee.

Daylight Savings Time will resume at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 9th. Move clocks forward one hour.



E-Mail Addresses

Please submit your current e-mail address to us so we can contact you in the event of an emergency. Your e-mail address will not be submitted to anyone else nor will it be used for anything other than emergency water issues.

Adjusted Accounts

If the weather cooperates, we may be able to read some meters for the March statements. If so, some of you will see either credits on your account or larger than usual amounts owing. This is just to catch up to the amount of water you actually used over the winter versus what you were estimated and billed.

It typically takes three months to read and adjust all the meters. If your adjustment does not appear on the March statement, it will appear in April or May.

Conservation Tip

Know where your master water shut-off is located. This could save water and prevent damage to your home.