



North Kootenai Water and Sewer District



May 2016

Milfoil Treatment

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture will be treating parts of Hayden Lake to rid the lake of Eurasian Milfoil. This treatment is planned for the first of June. This will affect our Hayden Haven/Gem Shores customers. To protect our water, we will shut-down the water intake pumps. It will be critical for Hayden Haven/Gem Shores customers to conserve water through Memorial Weekend and the following week so you don't run out of water. Detailed letters will be mailed to these customers.

Lawn Watering Tips

Several lawn care websites agree that overwatering your lawn can promote disease and cause added insects. It also causes water runoff which can pollute our water systems.

An appropriate amount of water on an established lawn is 1" of water per week. This can be broken down to watering 1/2" twice a week. Watering less often promotes root growth and will help your lawn sustain itself during the hottest summer months. Using a rain gauge is the best way to make sure you are watering appropriately. If the forecast calls for rain, let nature take care of your watering needs.

Be mindful of the time of day you are watering. Watering during the hottest part of the day causes water evaporation. A lot of the water goes into the sky instead of into the ground. This wastes our natural resource and will cause you to water longer to get the appropriate water needed into the soil. The more water used, the higher your water bill. We ask our customers to water their lawns before noon or after 6 p.m.

Watering in the morning gives the yard time to dry out before nightfall. This will help keep lawn disease at bay. However, in extremely hot weather (nighttime temperatures above 68 degrees), watering in the evening eliminates evaporation and keeps the water in the soil.

Of course, the amount of water needed is dependent on the type of soil and grass that is in your lawn. If you have puddles and/or mushrooms in your lawn, decrease watering time. If footprints in your lawn do not go away and grass is turning brown, your lawn needs more water.

Ohio Match Housekeeping

Pictured to the left is our Field Lead Man, Jessie Camburn cleaning the Ohio Match Reservoir in April. Along with the reservoir cleaning, a small leak was repaired and a booster pump was installed to increase water pressure to some of the customers in the area.



Shirley Stoller

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of one of our Board members. Vice President Shirley Stoller passed away after a brief illness on April 13, 2016. She became a Director on the North Kootenai Water and Sewer District Board in February of 2009. She was a very active and attentive member. She will be greatly missed. We want to express our sincere sympathy to her family.

