



# North Kootenai Water and Sewer District



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## *Consumer Confidence Reports*

North Kootenai Water District has prepared the 2015 Consumer Confidence Reports for each of the District's water systems. These reports are available for viewing on our website at [www.nkwsd.com](http://www.nkwsd.com).

We are fortunate to live in a place where regulations are made to assure the water we are drinking is safe and always accessible. When water service is interrupted, it is a reminder of how continued water service is so vital in our everyday lives.

To be able to rely on the safety of our water is something we have come to expect. The CCR's show the testing that the District did in 2015 to assure your water is safe. We continue to take these and other steps necessary to keep your water safe and accessible.



Pictured above: Staff working at Twin Lakes to reconnect the water lines for those customers receiving summer service only.

## *Mosquitoes and Water*

Since mosquitoes have been making the news lately, it seems like a good idea to remember that standing water can be a breeding ground for them. If you have anything that catches and holds water from rain or your lawn sprinklers, remember to empty the water often. In some types of mosquitoes, one female can lay between 100 and 400 eggs. They lay their eggs on top of the water. The eggs hatch into larvae within 2 to 3 days. The larvae feed on small particles in the water.

Interesting mosquito fact: Only female mosquitoes bite you. They need the blood to lay eggs. Males do not bite. They feed only on plants. The females are attracted to you by heat and carbon dioxide.

Mosquitoes cannot continue without water. By emptying stagnate water sources on a weekly basis, you can help decrease the mosquito population around your home.

## *Water Conservation and Lawn Watering Restrictions*

The District has restrictions on watering lawns in the middle of the day. Lawn watering should be done in the cooler morning hours before noon, or after 6 p.m.

Watering in the hottest part of the day causes water to be evaporated too quickly for your lawn to soak up the amount of water needed to keep it green. This causes you to water longer than you would have to in the cooler hours. Of course, the longer you water, the higher your water bill. So you are conserving your hard earned cash, as well as water, by watering in the morning or evening.

Watering your lawn and plants deeply but less frequently encourages deep root growth and better drought tolerance which is needed in the hot summer months. Normally a lawn only needs an inch of water per week. Use a rain gauge to monitor your watering.

Put 2 to 4 inches of mulch around your trees and plants. This will increase the ability of the soil to retain moisture and discourage weed growth. Planting drought tolerant plants and grasses that don't need as much water as other plants, is another way to keep your watering costs down and conserve our natural resource.

Catching rain in a rain barrel or using gray water for watering your lawn are other good ideas. Make sure you keep a lid on your rain barrel so that mosquitoes don't have a place to breed.



Call 811 at least 48 hours before you dig at any depth, for any reason. Locates are free. Repairs are not.