

# North Kootenai Water and Sewer District



December 2017

*Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year!*

## **Clear Fire Hydrants**

Please keep the snow removed from your neighborhood fire hydrants. This allows the fire department to hookup their hoses and begin putting out fires immediately upon arrival. These extra minutes can save life and property.

## **Christmas Trees**

Every year Christmas trees catch fire. This can be caused by live trees drying out. It can also occur with electrical light malfunctions in both live and artificial trees. Be safe this year by keeping your live trees watered. Also, make sure your tree is not placed near a heat source nor in the way of your house exit. Turn the lights off when you are not home and while you are sleeping. Throw out live trees when needles start dropping. Make sure your smoke alarm is working properly.

## **Office Closed**

The office will be closed:

**December 25th  
and January 1st**

for Christmas and New Year's Day.

*We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season!*

## **Water Conservation**

Grab a wrench and fix that leaky faucet. It's simple, inexpensive and you can save 140 gallons of water a week.

## **Cold Weather and Pipes**

To keep inside pipes from bursting due to cold weather, make sure all outside doors and windows are closed tight, and insulate all outside walls. Seal all leaks in crawl spaces and basements. If your vents won't close, cover them from the inside with insulation, cardboard, plastic, or newspaper.

Water pipes are more likely to break during a cold snap. However, pipes can break one to two days after a cold spell due to the change in water temperatures taking longer than the change in air temperatures.

If you experience low flow levels or no water, check all faucets in the house. If this is affecting one faucet, you may have a frozen pipe. If it affecting the whole house, you could have a break in your water line or a frozen meter. Call the District office so we can check your meter.

If it is a broken water line on your side of the meter, you will probably need a plumber and/or a water line locator. It is a good idea to know the names and phone numbers of these people before you need them. This could eliminate some of the stress during a chaotic period of time.

## **2018 Regular Board Meeting Schedule**

North Kootenai Water District's Board of Directors meet on the first and third Thursday of the month. The meetings begin at 12:30 p.m. and are usually held at the District office unless otherwise noticed. The calendar days for this year's meetings are as follows:

January 4th and 18th  
February 1st and 15th  
March 1st and 15th  
April 5th and 19th  
May 3rd and 17th  
June 7th and 21st

July 5th and 19th  
August 2nd and 16th  
September 6th and 20th  
October 4th and 16th  
November 1st and 15th  
December 6th and 20th

At times, these meetings have to be cancelled. If attending a meeting, please call ahead to make sure there has been no cancellation.



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