



North Kootenai Water and Sewer District



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Water Conservation

Catch Spring rain in a rain barrel. Use the water to wash your car, water plants, or clean your outside property. Make sure to cover the rain barrel when it is not raining to prevent mosquitos.

Returning Snowbirds

Returning snowbirds, please, contact the office two work days before you want your water turned on. Without the 48-hour notice, you could be charged a \$50 service fee.



Shown above in the top picture is Robert Bush working at Gozzer Ranch. He was one of many staff that cleaned the influent tanks on the sewer system. The bottom picture is the District's water trailer.

Backflow Testing

It is time for the annual testing of your backflow device(s). This is a device that is installed on underground sprinkler systems, swimming pools, saunas, automatic-fill water features, certain commercial sites, etc.

Backflow devices stop water from flowing backwards from your lawn, pool, spa, etc., into your drinking water. This can happen when the water system is down due to things like repairs and loss of power. Without a backflow device or if your device isn't working properly, substances on your lawn like fertilizer and animal feces can get into your drinking water.

The State of Idaho and North Kootenai Water District require your backflow device be tested each spring. Cold winter weather can cause these devices to freeze and break. The Spring annual test assures your device(s) is/are working properly when your sprinklers or pools are turned on for the year.

Our deadline to receive "passed" tests is June 15, 2018. Please call your tester now to get scheduled. Your tester should send us a copy of the test. Make sure he/she gives you a copy, as well.

This notice is not for all our customers. It pertains to those with underground sprinkler systems and other devices that use chemicals that could backflow into the drinking water.

Automatic Payment Options

No more checks to write and mail with auto pay. No more late notices. No more additional fees. Here are your auto-pay options:

1. ACH Payment - You fill out an ACH form and send it to us. We will begin taking out the monthly amount owed from your checking account. This is a completely FREE option. The form can be found on our website or contact us to have one sent to you.
2. Online Account Recurring Payment - If you have opened an online account through our website, you can choose a recurring payment option. You can use a debit or credit card for this payment. You will be charged 2.45% of your total bill or \$1.00 minimum, or you can choose to pay with eCheck. eCheck will cost you \$2.00 for each transaction.
3. Online Banking - Most banks offer online banking services. You go into your bank's website to set this up. In some cases, the bank will send us a check. If so, it can take eight to ten days for us to receive payment. So plan ahead to get your payment here by the 15th. Also, the payment amount sent each month won't match the billed amount unless you change it, making this less automatic.