



NORTH KOOTENAI WATER DISTRICT

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

Public meetings are held at the District office at 12:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month; please feel free to attend.

Helping Those In Need

The District recently began accepting voluntary contributions from rate-payers to help with payment of water bills for those customers temporarily unable to pay. An additional one-dollar on your monthly payment would go a long way in continuing this help. Thank you.

Attention Homeowners

Each year owners of residential sprinkler systems are required by Idaho Code to have their backflow devices tested by a certified backflow tester.

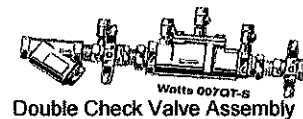
Why is this required?

This is part of the Idaho Cross Connection Program as outlined in the IDAPA Code 58.01.08 sec 543 & 552. A cross connection is the prevention of a non-potable source from contaminating the potable water supply. The purpose of the program is the protection of public health by ensuring safe drinking water. For more information on this, go to www.deq.state.id.us and click on the water tab.

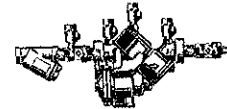
What type of devices?

The types of devices are pictured below. Note that only "testable" devices are required to have the annual testing.

Double Check Valve Assembly and Reduced Pressure Zone Assembly are testable devices.



Watts 607QT-S
Double Check Valve Assembly



Watts 609QT-S
Reduced Pressure Zone Assembly

Atmospheric Vacuum Breakers and Hose Bibb Vacuum Breakers are accepted devices, but are not testable.



Watts 250A
Atmospheric Vacuum Breakers



Watts B
Hose Bibb Vacuum Breakers

Most residential sprinkler systems use the Double Check Valve Assembly. Chances are your sprinkler system contractor is a certified backflow tester. If not, a list of some of the certified testers can be found on the District's web site at www.nkwsd.com. Your certified tester will send the results to the District office.

Thank you for your help and attention in this matter. We can all work together to make our water safe.

Water Conservation

North Kootenai Water District ("District") has taken a leadership role in protecting one of our region's most precious resources, the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer. The District is the first water purveyor in Idaho to complete a Water Conservation Plan ("Plan") in accordance with recommendations from the Rathdrum Groundwater Management Study and as required by the Idaho Department of Water Resources. The Plan is available for review at the District office and generally

outlines the District's current water consumption, and goals for reducing overall consumption through education and reasonable conservation measures.

One conservation measure the District plans to implement is mandatory "non-irrigation hours" and the District would like your input. It is a well known fact that irrigating landscaping during the day is very inefficient and the District is considering establishing non-

irrigation hours between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm. The District Board will be discussing this topic at their April 3, 2008 board meeting (12:30 pm at the District office) and welcomes your written input prior to that date or your oral input at the meeting.

We look forward to your comments.

Mission Statement

North Kootenai Water District is a well-organized, financially sound, and efficiently managed public utility district that has a solid reputation of providing safe, reliable, high quality domestic water to our customers at a reasonable and justifiable price. We endeavor to service the domestic water needs of northern Kootenai County in a manner that protects the interests of our constituents. We are a growing entity that structures its decisions upon consideration of the current economic situation, future economic and service implications, and the opportunity to improve, through water service, the quality of life for our current constituents and those petitioning for our assistance.

History

North Kootenai Water District was formed, by a vote of the District electorate in 1991, as a public water district to acquire the assets of the private water company that then served the area. In 1998, the voters passed a bond issue to purchase the private water company and North Kootenai Water District began operations.

The "Debt Service Surcharge" shown on monthly bills repays the principal and interest on these twenty-year bonds. We have also been able to replace depreciated facilities, upgrade our equipment, hire a professional staff, and keep our bills and obligations current from water revenues without the need for imposing a tax rate.

Today we are serving the needs of over 4,000 customers in fifteen separate water systems throughout north Kootenai County. North Kootenai Water District is the third largest water provider in North Idaho, behind the cities of Coeur d'Alene and Post Falls.