



NORTH KOOTENAI WATER DISTRICT

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Rate Changes:

The District Board of Directors held a Public Hearing on June 26, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the Hayden Lake City Hall. The purposes of the hearing was:

- 1) to inform water district constituents of the contemplated fee schedule and increases; and,
- 2) to receive public comments pertaining to immediate and long term financing of the operations and infrastructure of the water district including a restructured and increased schedule of fees charged to customers for water services provided by the district; and,
- 3) to receive public comments regarding policies of the water district that affect compliance with new requirements of the Idaho Department of Water Resources in the area of groundwater management and conservation of our aquifer water resources.

Following is the newly adopted rate schedule:

Rate	New Rate Effective 6/16/08	Notes
Debt Service	\$ 3.82	Pays the debt incurred to purchase the water system from Hayden Pines in 1998.
Access Fee	\$15.00	Pays the fixed costs of operating the water district. Each customer pays this fee for access to the water system, regardless of water consumption.
1 – 5000 Gallons	\$1.10/1000 Gallons	Approximately 72% of the water consumption revenue is used to fund improvements to or replacement of, existing water system components such as reservoirs, pipes, and pumps. These funds are allocated in this manner so that future debt will not be necessary to replace system components. 3% of water consumption revenue is used for water conservation measures. The remaining 25% pays the variable costs of producing and delivering domestic and fire protection service where available.
5001 – 15,000 Gallons	\$1.27/1000 Gallons	
15,001 – 30,000 Gallons	\$1.44/1000 Gallons	
Over 30,000 Gallons	\$2.19/1000 Gallons	

Lancaster Road Project

Lakes Highway District is reconstructing Lancaster Road, from Strahorn Road to 1/4 mile east of Rimrock Road. North Kootenai Water District has a 10" and a 12" water main in this area. A portion of the road is being lowered, thus affecting the District's main.

We are currently relocating approximately 1300 feet of 10" water main and 9 individual water services in this area.

During the installation of an Avista gas main, their contractor broke our 12" water main causing a temporary outage for some of the Rimrock service area. When this line was repaired later that night and repressurized, several individual water services developed leaks. Galvanized fittings were used on these services, and as we all know, the Rimrock soil is primarily clay. These galvanized fittings were deteriorated to the point of being paper-thin. The shut down and repressurization caused them to fail. District field crews worked into the next morning repairing the failed services.

A special note of thanks to those Rimrock residents who were affected by this event. Your understanding and patience is greatly appreciated by the District staff!

Avondale Loop Leak Repair

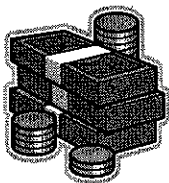
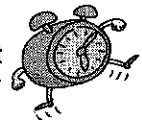
On Friday, July 11th, a leak was discovered on Avondale Loop. This particular area of the Rimrock system has a steel water line installed in the early 1970's. The fittings for this line are odd size and were fabricated for the job. A leak developed in a joint at a 33-degree elbow. The repair required the District's crew to shut down the main, cut the leaking area and reinstall pipe and fittings with transition fittings to adapt from the old to new piping.

Again, we thank ☺ Tom Crimmins for the pizza he brought to a tired crew, and for the residents understanding and patience during the course of the repair.

Water Conservation

The District Board of Directors has taken a pro-active approach to water conservation. We are all blessed by having a pristine source of water in the Rathdrum Aquifer. We want to be good stewards of this valuable resource.

The District has instituted mandatory non-irrigation hours during the summer months. Please, **no watering from Noon to 6:00 p.m. daily** during the summer. During the hottest time of the day most of the irrigation water is lost to evaporation. Check your sprinkler timer and set it to water in the early morning so your landscaping can get the most benefit from the water.



At your request the Conservation Rebate Program has been expanded to include some new items; they are: **Dual Flush Toilets** (have selector switch for low volume/high volume water flushing), **Xeriscaping** (removal of conventional lawn, replacing it with drought resistant type of landscaping), and **Low Flow Sprinkler Heads**.

For those who do not have an automatic sprinkler system, remember that a timer can save water and still keep your landscaping looking great; and, **Timers** qualify under the rebate program!

Backflow Prevention

Thank you all for your cooperation on the backflow testing program. We had many questions regarding this issue, and many of you now understand the necessity and reason behind the IDEQ regulation requiring annual testing of these devices. For those of you with sprinkler systems, the backflow device prevents lawn chemicals like fertilizers & pesticides from being drawn back into the drinking water system in the event of a water main depressurization. Older, non-testable devices are allowed, just contact our office so that we can make a note on your account.