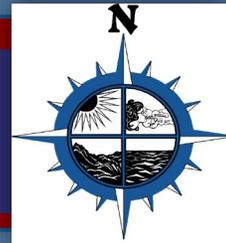


North Kootenai Water and Sewer District



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Water Boxes

Please keep your water box clear so we can access quickly in the event of an emergency water shut-off. Water boxes are most often located at the front of the property by the street on the left or right property line.

Water Conservation Tip

If you accidentally drop some ice cubes, don't throw them in the sink. Put them in a house plant or your furry friends water bowl.

Rebate Offer

The District gives rebates to customers who install rain sensors or soil moisture sensors on their sprinkler systems, and to those customers who have xeriscaped their lawns. The rebate is a one-time only credit to your water account. The amount of the credit is 75% of the cost, up to \$75. For a rebate form contact the office. You'll need to send this form in along with copies of your receipts.

Working Hard

Pictured below is Keenan Olenslager repairing a fire hydrant in our Twin Lakes system.



ACH Forms

If you're looking to set up automatic recurring payments, consider filling out an ACH form. Unlike credit card payments, there are no service fees attached. You will still be sent a statement monthly so you are aware of what you are paying. But you no longer have to worry about sending in a payment. You only need a to pick which day you would like the payment to pull from your bank account, either the 1st or the 10th of the month, and attach a voided check. Its as easy as that! For an ACH form contact the office.

Fire Danger and Water Conservation

These two don't seem to go together well. A well watered area will definitely slow down a wildfire. But there are other things that can be done to protect your home. A search on the internet for protecting your home against wildfires came up with a link from Farmers insurance at www.farmers.com. Here is a list of things on their website.

- Remove dead vegetation from plants and lower branches from tall trees.
- Keep the gutters, roof and outdoor spaces free of debris like leaves and twigs.
- Move firewood at least 30 feet from the house.
- Use roofing materials with a Class A fire rating (the highest).
- Install metal angle flashing at the edge of the roof.
- Create defensible space zones around your home
- Remove combustibile outdoor furniture. Replace with fire resistant materials.
- Clean all fallen leaves and needles regularly.

For their complete list, visit their website.

Depressurization Events

Even well-designed and operated water systems may experience a pressure loss due to unforeseen circumstances such as power loss or water main break. During such periods, there is a potential for the water supply to be contaminated through backflow. We have done our best to minimize this risk through our cross-connection control program. Should pressure loss occur at a District system, we will update the District website at www.nkwsd.com with pertinent information regarding the location of the depressurization, steps District licensed operators are taking to restore pressure, results of follow-up sampling to the water supply once water pressure is restored, and preventative temporary measures you may choose to take. If you are responsible for providing oversight to multi-family residential or commercial complexes, please post this information in a public location.

Call Before You Dig

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