



North Kootenai Water and Sewer District



District Office Hours

Monday — Thursday, 6 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Phones answered until 4:15 p.m.

October 2024

Water Conservation

For cold drinks, keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap. This way every drop goes down you and not the drain.

NEW Mailing Address for Your Check Payments:

Our new mailing address for check payments is:

**North Kootenai Water District
PO Box 60566
City of Industry CA 91716-0566**

You will see this on the enclosed envelope. Please **DO NOT MAIL CASH!**

Fun Facts About Water:

- There is the same amount of water on Earth as there was when the Earth was formed.
- Water is composed of two elements, Hydrogen and Oxygen. 2 Hydrogen + 1 Oxygen = H₂O.
- Nearly 97% of the world's water is salty or otherwise undrinkable. Another 2% is locked in ice caps and glaciers. That leaves just 1% for all of humanity's needs—all its agricultural, residential, manufacturing, community, and personal needs.
- 75% of the human brain is water and 75% of a living tree is water.
- A person can live about a month without food, but only about a week without water.
- Water is part of a deeply interconnected system. What we pour on the ground ends up in our water, and what we spew into the sky ends up in our water.
- The average cost for water supplied to a home in the U.S. is about \$2 / 1000 gallons.
- The average total home water use for each person in the U.S. is about 50 gallons per day.

From: <https://www3.epa.gov/safewater/kids/waterfactsoflife.html>

Getting Ready for Cold Weather

Cold weather and snow will soon be here. Don't let freezing temperatures catch you unaware. Below are some good tips to get your home ready for cold weather.

- * Unhook your hoses from your outside water spigots.
- * Insulate exposed water pipes. Be sure to use waterproof insulation for any pipes that are out in the weather.
- * Do not use house insulation to insulate your water meter. This insulation will get wet and cause the meter to freeze.
- * If your meter has frozen in the past, call us and we will insulate the meter correctly.
- * Insulate pipes that are inside the house (under sinks) that are located by outside walls.
- * Find the name of a good plumber and put the phone number in your cell phone contacts or in an accessible place by your land line to find easily in the case of an emergency.
- * Know where your main water shut off is in your house if you have one. If your pipes were to freeze and burst you can shut off your water quickly.

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 <https://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.

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates

Thursday Oct 19 - Thursday Nov 7

Thursday Nov 21 - December 5

Held the first and third Thursday of each month at 12:30 pm. Meetings are open to the public and held at the District office at 13649 N Meyer Road, Rathdrum Idaho.

Office Closed

**In Honor of our Veterans, we will be closed on
Monday, November 11th.**



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