

North Kootenai Water and Sewer District



August 2025

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.

Watering Restrictions

The District restricts watering your lawn between noon and 6 p.m. Watering during the hottest part of the day causes you to lose water to evaporation.

We are also asking customers to water every other day. If your house number ends in an odd number, water your lawn on the odd days of the month. Even house numbers should water on the even days of the month.

Water Pollution

Here are some facts obtained from www.plainvillect.com.

1. Approximately 40% of lakes in America are too polluted for fishing, aquatic life, or swimming.
2. Federal authorities estimate that headwaters of 40 percent of Western rivers are tainted with toxic discharge from abandoned mines.
3. Each year 1.2 trillion gallons of untreated sewage, storm water, and industrial waste are dumped into US water.
4. Nitrate from agriculture is the most common chemical contaminant in the world's groundwater aquifers.
5. About 10% of America's beaches fail to meet the federal benchmark for safe swimming water.
6. Every year, more people die worldwide from unsafe water than from all forms of violence, including war.

Water Quality Month

The following article was obtained from excerpts from NationalDayCalendar.com and HomeServeUSA.com

National Water Quality Month in August reminds us that it takes much more than just turning on the tap to guarantee clean, potable water.

We all love water; whether it's to shower, drink, swim or cook, water is a vital and important part of our lives. It's also something that we can easily take for granted. National Water Quality Month reminds us to pay attention to how our households and communities affect our fresh water sources.

Be mindful of using chemical pesticides and fertilizers. If you over-water your lawn, or live in an area with consistent heavy rainfall, the chemicals will eventually invade the groundwater sources.

Leaks and drips from your car contain harmful chemicals. Medications and chemicals should be disposed of properly.

Protecting our water resources and educating ourselves about water quality is an important goal of National Water Quality Month.

To see the articles in their entirety, go to the sites mentioned above.



Pictured above to the left is Cody Wilson (standing) and Jack Armstrong (kneeling). The picture to the right is Jack Armstrong (front) and Keenan Olenslager (back). These three are part of the construction crew laying pipe to connect the District's Ohio Match and Chilco systems.

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.



Office Closed

Our office will be
Closed
Monday,
September 1, 2025
For Labor Day.