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An Annual Newsletter to keep our Customers Informed

Benchland Water District

485 East Shepard Lane, Kaysville, Utah 84037
We are on the Web! www.benchlandwater.com Phone (801) 451-2105



Good to know >>>

Important Dates to Remember:

April 1

It is your responsibility to have your system off by this date to avoid possible water damage to your property as we charge the main water lines for the season.

April 15

Water service will be available to all users by this date. Please contact our office if you do not have water to your connection by this date.

October 1 – 15

Irrigation Season will close and draining of the system will begin. On October 25th open your valve and drain your system for the winter.

After Hours Emergency (801) 726-3709



Secondary Water?

So what is secondary water?

*Secondary water is untreated, unfiltered water that is used for irrigation of outdoor residential landscaping and gardening. **This water is non-potable (not suitable for human consumption) to be used only on outdoor irrigation.***

The District delivers irrigation water to property user. The water, its management, and service requirements become the responsibility of the user at point of delivery.

The shut off valve installed by the District between curb and sidewalk or at property's edge is for District use. The water user must control his or her delivery system beyond the District valve by installing your own isolation valve.

Lines will begin to be pressurized with water beginning **April 01** of each service year. Turn your valves off prior to that time to prevent water from running unattended on your property.

Pressurized irrigation lines will be drained for the season beginning **October 15**. Drain your own system after the main-lines have been drained to insure that frost damage does not occur in your system.

DO NOT USE THE DISTRICT VALVE (LOCATED IN THE PARK STRIP) IN ANYWAY WITHOUT CONSENT FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE. (801) 451-2105

Note from the Staff:

Our mission is provide customers with an adequate and reliable supply of quality water that meets customer needs at a reasonable cost, supported by excellent customer service.

*Scott Parsell, Drew Stayner, Andrew Golden,
Jason Moss, Seth Henzi, Cody Bradshaw,
Julie Dyreng, Jennifer Holbrook.*

A New Norm >>>

Water Conservation

During recent seasons our water district users have cooperated in conserving our drought stricken reduced water supply. Our objective this season is to provide a full season of service. If we are unable to go to October 15th, the irrigation season will be shortened by draining the system when we no longer have the water resource to maintain pressure. We enlist your cooperation to help us provide a full season of service.

DO NOT – Water between

10 am and 6 pm. This time of day is the hottest time of day and water tends to evaporate quickly.

DO NOT – Water your sidewalks, driveways, or roadways.

DO NOT- water your landscape for more than the recommended length of time or time frequencies. When watering sloped areas where water runs off easily, water slow and in short five minute increments to ensure effective absorption and less run off.



Turf studies have shown that most lawns need to be watered only once every 3 or 4 days to stay healthy and green. Watering everyday creates shallow roots. Watering infrequently develops deep roots and healthier turf. Grass roots grow deeper into the soil and become stronger with less watering. If grass does not spring back after being stepped on, it's time to water. Adjusting the lawn mower to a higher setting will retain moisture by allowing taller grass to shade roots and hold moisture.



Watering Guide

April	Once every 6 days
May	Once every 4 days
June	Once every 3 days
July	Once every 3 days
August	Once every 3 days
September	Once every 6 days
October until shut off	– once every 10 days.



Water-wise plant – Sedum ‘Autumn Joy’

Water Outlook 2024>>>

Utah's average dry soils and average streamflows mean that we will need a well above-average snowpack this winter to produce an average run-off condition.

As of February 2024, we have received 100% of normal snowpack. Utah's reservoir storage is currently only at 78% of capacity.

Living in a Desert?

Drought conditions may limit the supply of irrigation water available. Your use of water conservation practices will extend the availability of our irrigation water supply. During drought conditions be alert to all notices of restriction of use or limitation of service.

For additional tips on how to irrigate more efficiently contact:

Utah State University Extension Office

Telephone: (801) 499-5370

Or visit their web site:

<https://extension.usu.edu/drought/>

Or

[Center for Water-Efficient Landscaping at Utah State University \(usu.edu\)](https://extension.usu.edu/drought/)

Smart Controller Rebate Program

The Board of Trustees have passed a motion to allow rebates to it's customers for automatic sprinkler sensors with the following qualifications:

- Good for one rebate of \$50 per customer until budgeted funds of \$5,000 are depleted.
- Rebate recipients must live within the District Boundaries and products purchased must be installed on properties within boundaries.
- Applications for rebates must be submitted within 30 days of purchase. Only the products on the approved product list will qualify for rebate.

For a full list of qualifying products go to:

www.weberbasin.com/conservation/rebates

Changes to Annual Use Fees

The Water District has considered all cost increases in the past year and has determined that there will need to be a five dollar increase in water use charges for the 2024 season. Our Board of Trustees and staff shall continue to provide the most efficient service possible for your use.



Utah Water-Wise Plants (Utah Division ...
waterwiseplants.utah.gov

Annual Service Charge Schedule

Residential:

.00 to .184 Ac	\$192.00
.185 to .249 Ac	\$212.00
.25 to .499 Ac	\$217.00
.50 to .749 Ac	\$227.00
.75 to 2.0 Ac	\$247.00

Condominium Unit:

Per Residential Unit \$167.00

Agricultural:

Track Charge	\$187.00
Water charge per ac ft.	\$15.00
Contract requires 3 ac ft per acre	(minimum - \$100.00 per acre)

Commercial, Residential and Government over 2.0 Acres

Track Charge	\$187.00
Water charge per ac ft	\$30.00
Contract requires 4 ac ft per acre	(minimum - \$120.00 per acre)

Pumping Facility Users:

Track Charge	\$187.00
Acreage Use Charge	_____
Operation Cost	\$100.00
(Replacement Charge for Pumping)	
Electrical Charges	_____
(Pass-through charge for Pumping)	
Total Charges	_____

Billing Policy

Benchland Water will access the following fees on all unpaid accounts:

60 – 90 days of the initial billing - \$25.00-accounts are past due. At this point service will not be available until accounts are paid in full. This will be strictly enforced. Customers will be prohibited from using irrigation water until all unpaid balances and delinquent charges are paid in full.

91 – 100 days of the initial billing – additional \$10.00

101- 130 days of the initial billing – additional \$50.00

131 days and over – The contract for service will be cancelled due to non-payment of annual use charges. Service will no longer be available and will result in removal of Water District lines. In order to resume service, the customer will need to contract for service and pay a \$350 contract charge.

NOTE: Charges are due upon receipt.

April 1st a \$25.00 late charge applies

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Open Monday through Friday

9 am to 6 pm

Office (801) 451-2105

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Annual Use Fees

Charges are based on the size of the property. Billing is mailed in February prior to the season of usage. Charges are due upon receipt of statement.

The fee pays for irrigation service from April 15th through October 15th of that season at which time the service is discontinued for the year.

The District charges a one-time contracted amount or Impact fee for each delivery point located on user's property



We are on the Web!

Would you like to receive your

Annual Billing by Email?

Go to:

www.benchlandwater.com/contact

Payments can also be made online.

Click on "Pay Bill Here"

on home page.



districtElections....

The Benchland Water District is governed by a Board of seven Trustees, elected by District water users every second year. Each elected Trustee is in office for a period of four years.

Brad Bornemeier Jan 1, 2024 – Dec 31, 2027 Judy Rice Jan 1, 2022 – Dec 31, 2025

Paul Hirst Jan 1, 2024 – Dec 31, 2027 Justen Smith Jan 1, 2022 – Dec 31, 2025

Ken Spencer Jan 1, 2024 – Dec 31, 2027 Jim Taylor Jan 1, 2022 – Dec 31, 2025

Paul White Jan 1, 2022 – Dec 31, 2025



www.weberbasin.com/Conservation/LearningGarden



What's New! >>>

Recognition of Service

A special thanks to Trustee, Ralph Reeves for his dedicated service to the District.

2024 System Replacement Plan

The District is committed to continuing our system replacement plan to ensure the highest quality of irrigation service. The 2024 projects for this upcoming season will involve replacing service connections in Farmington City and Kaysville City road project areas.

In Remembrance

Phil Leonard

Trustee and Past Chairman.

1943-2023.

Benchland Water District

Office Hours

M – F, 9am to 5pm

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Metering Program Underway

Benchland Water District will start installing Secondary Water Meters. The new meters are part of a system wide meter improvement project that promotes water conservation and accountability. This new project is part of a long-term plan to meter all secondary water connections.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is having a secondary water meter installed at my residence optional?

- No. Benchland Water District intends to install a secondary water meter on every connection.

Will Benchland begin charging me based on usage once the meters are installed?

- Not at this time.

Do I need to have a personal shut off valve for my irrigation system?

- Yes. A separate personal shut off valve is an important part of your irrigation system. It is important for you to have the means to shut off water to your sprinkler system in case you have a break. It is also recommended that you have a filter on your system. Secondary water is not treated or filtered and can plug sprinkler heads with debris.

Will the installation affect my culinary system?

- No. Culinary (indoor) water is a separate system delivered by a different entity. The installation of a meter on your secondary water will not affect the water in your home.

Will the meter affect water pressure?

- While unlikely, there is a potential to have pressure changes. Most often, lower pressure is a result of the time of day you irrigate, and those pressure issues can be resolved by adjusting your watering to a time when there is less demand on the system. Please remember that watering is prohibited between 10 am and 6 pm due to the high loss of water through evaporation.

Will my landscaping in the installation area be restored?

- Yes. The contractor will restore landscaping in the area affected by the installation. The contractor will likely restore landscaping on a different day than the meter is installed. Depending on the time of year, sod may be replace later than other landscaping in the area.

