

Bountiful Irrigation District
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No Outside Watering
Between 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

2017 Irrigation Water Season

The irrigation water will be turned into the system beginning **Monday, April 10th** but will take approximately 3 days to reach all homeowners. **Each property owner should turn their own secondary valve off prior to April 8th to avoid potential flooding problems.**

Check out our Website!

We have a website where you can read information about our district, its history, upcoming projects, rules and regulations and upcoming announcements, and view a map of our District.

Visit bountifulirrigation.com

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Changes in Operating Entities

Weber Basin Water Conservancy District (WBWCD) has assigned over its operations of the secondary irrigation systems in West Bountiful, Woods Cross and portions of North Salt Lake City (Bountiful West) to the Bountiful Irrigation District (Bountiful Irrigation). WBWCD has increased its responsibilities as a wholesaler of both irrigation and culinary water throughout its service area of Davis, Weber, Morgan, Summit and Box Elder Counties and in order to continue to provide adequate service to all of its customers, has entered into an operating partnership with Bountiful Irrigation. Bountiful Irrigation has an extensive history of operating a very successful and well maintained secondary system in Bountiful and is very capable of expanding its service area to include the Bountiful West areas, previously operated by WBWCD. Any operational questions should be directed to Bountiful Irrigation.

Emergencies

If you see water surfacing in the street at any time, notify Bountiful Irrigation District weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 801-295-5573. After hours call 801-298-6000.

Water-wise Irrigation Tips

1. Don't Water on Automatic-Respond to Your Lawn's Need, Not Your Habit!

Your lawn will adapt easily to an every three-day watering pattern. If nature helps out, so much the better! Check to see if rainfall is meeting your lawn's needs. Here's a tip: let nature sprinkle your lawn as late into spring as possible before you begin to irrigate, and you'll be helping your lawn develop healthy roots. To determine if your lawn is getting enough water, try sticking a screwdriver in the ground. If it goes in too easily, cut back on watering. If it's a struggle to get it in, increase watering.

2. Don't Water Everything the Same

Water the lawn separately from plant beds and trees because these areas need less water than the lawn.

3. Water by the Light of the Moon

Watering at night alone will reduce evaporation loss by up to 20 percent. Because our climate is typically dry, this practice won't create mildew or fungus on your lawn unless you water too much.

We thank you for your conservation efforts for the 2016 watering season.

Even with the high precipitation level this past winter we ask that you

continue your water conservation efforts this year because we never know what next year will bring.

Water Savings

There are many ways to save water but properly maintaining your sprinkler system and adjusting your sprinkler timer can save you tens of thousands of gallons per year – ***more than all other water conservation efforts combined!***

Lawn Watering Guide

As residents of Utah, watching the snowpack each year has become a way of life as we plan for the upcoming watering season. During drought years, the words “watering restrictions” strike fear in homeowners and can sound like a guarantee your lawn and landscaping are going to suffer. However, proper irrigation can keep your landscaping the envy of the neighborhood as well as ensure our reservoirs aren’t unduly depleted. A simple watering audit or “catch-cup” test, will help determine the optimal run-time to keep your lawn green.

Maintain Your Irrigation System

Just as your car needs regular maintenance to keep it running in optimal condition, there are a few irrigation system start-up checks that should be performed each year. Before you begin your catch-cup audit, check each zone to make sure it is performing properly. Things to look for:

- 1. Sprinkler heads.** Inspect your sprinkler heads to make sure they are not tipped, clogged leaking around the cap, bubbling out from the grass around the head, or spraying where they shouldn’t be. Clean out nozzle filters, straighten heads, and replace broken or missing heads.
- 2. Pipes.** If the pressure looks lower than in years past, look for bulges in the grass, muddy areas, and water running or pooling where it should not be. This could indicate a broken pipe.
- 3. Valve Boxes.** If your valve boxes are constantly full of water, check for cracks or leaks in your valves. Standing water in a sprinkler box can also become a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Bountiful Irrigation Partnering with Orbit Irrigation Products to offer an Irrigation System Audit Using Catch Cups

An audit is much simpler than you may think: a full system audit can be accomplished in about an hour. *You can pick up a free set of 12 catch cups from Bountiful Irrigation District.* There are easy-to-follow instructions included with the catch cup kit as well as informative videos on www.wateringschedule.com. After you have completed your system audit, go to that same website and enter your zip code, the type of soil in your yard, and the catch-cup volumes from your test. Once the results are entered, you will immediately receive a zone-by-zone recommended run time and watering interval that is customized to your zip code and your soil type. It will also tell you how efficient your system is and provide additional water saving tips.

Don’t Get Into a Fog

If your system’s spray pattern is creating a fine moist or fog, reduce the operating pressure or adjust the nozzles to eliminate the mist. When you do, you’ll reduce water loss that’s due to evaporation and wind drifting by 20% to 50%.

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Adjust your Sprinkler Timer

While it may seem intimidating, adjusting your sprinkler timer is key to implementing your new schedule and is the easiest way to save water. Setting your timer to run every day or even every other day will lead to a host of problems in your turf, from shallow roots to fungus. Taking the time to adjust your sprinkler timer each month can easily save thousands of gallons of water in your yard each year. Let’s look at the numbers:

- The average sprinkler zone puts out 12 gallons per minute (GPM)
- The average yard has 6 zones (6 x 12 GPM = 72 GPM)
- The average run time is 20 minutes per zone (72 GPM x 20 minutes=1,440 gallons of water used per timer sequence)
- Many uninformed homeowners water every day or every other day. If a homeowner waters every day from April to October (1,440 gallons per day x180 days = 259,200 gallons per watering season)

If a system is maintained, a catch cup test performed, and the timer schedule implemented, the average yard will use approximately 108,000 gallons for a **total watering savings of 151,200 gallons!** And your lawn will still be healthy and green.

Most manufacturers provide sprinkler timer manuals online or have toll-free numbers you can call if you need help programming your tier. In addition to fine-tuning your timer, don’t forget to turn it off or use Rain Delay features when Mother Nature is watering the plants for you.