



Lake Chelan Reclamation District News

2017 IRRIGATION SEASON



Spring is just around the corner and Lake Chelan Reclamation District will begin our irrigation start up procedures in March. Once your Irrigation Assessment and any prior excess has been paid, you can expect to receive water at your meter on or before April 1st barring any unforeseen setbacks. Please note that meters/cans that have not yet paid their irrigation assessments will not receive water.

IRRIGATION RATE INCREASE

The Board of Directors recently approved a rate increase effective January 1, 2017. Due to the rising costs of pipe materials, supplies, power, maintenance, anticipated repairs to our 44-year-old system and the need to maintain adequate reserves, the Board felt an increase was necessary.

Irrigation water is now provided at the rate of \$130 per parcel plus \$145 per acre, with a 1-acre minimum charge of \$275.

IRRIGATING FROM THE DOMESTIC SYSTEM

If you irrigate from the domestic system, your irrigation allotment is available only between April 1st and October 15th, and will appear on your Utility Bill as shown.

	Allotment (cu. ft.)	Previous Used	Current Use	Total Used	Balance	% Allotment Used
Irrigation Allotment	36590	22917	6604	29521	7069	81

If your Annual Assessment is not paid by April 1st, you will not get an irrigation allotment on your Utility Bill. Therefore any water you use above your normal allotment will be billed at the normal rate of \$4.29 per 100 cubic feet.

Several water users over the past year have run into unnecessary excess water charges due to the usage of their entire irrigation allotment before the irrigating season was complete. The water bills are designed to keep you aware of the irrigation allotment on your meter and the balance remaining. It is important that you monitor this irrigation allotment and manage your irrigation use accordingly. If you need assistance in verifying what these readings mean, please contact the office.



Using the domestic water for irrigating requires you to have a double check valve assembly (DCVA) installed as per District Standards. Annual testing ensures that your device is operating properly. You will also need a pressure reducing valve (PRV) to protect your pipes.



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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT USING THE FEDERAL IRRIGATION WATER

- Water may only be used on lands classified as "Irrigable". Maps showing the irrigable acreage are available in our office.
- The water is NOT potable and cannot be consumed.
- Water will **NOT** be turned on until you've paid your assessment.
- Connecting an irrigation water line to the domestic water is a direct cross-connection, a violation of state law, even if separated by a valve and will not be allowed under any circumstance.



- Your annual allotment is 36 inches of water, per irrigable acre.
 - All plumbing after the turnout is the responsibility of the property owner to design, install and maintain. Please use a Romac coupler or union to connect to the outside valve.
 - The system allows for **8 gallons per minute (gpm), per acre**.
 - If you exceed your GPM allowance, your water will be shut off. This rule is crucial to abide to, in order for us to keep enough water in our tanks to service everyone in the District.
- **SHARED TURNOUTS:** Irrigation turnouts are often shared by multiple owners. It is up to the benefited property owners to file agreements for maintaining any shared service mainlines and for having easements in place to access the irrigation water. LCRD is only responsible for providing water to the meter.
 - **IRRIGATION EXCESS:** LCRD will read the meters at the end of October for a final read. If you have used more water than you are allotted, you will receive an irrigation excess bill on December 1st. If you are on a shared turnout, then the total excess amount will be divided by acreage and a portion is assigned to each property owner.
 - Our policy states that you design your own private irrigation system. We recommend the installation of a filter system, a pressure reducing valve and pressure gauges. It is your responsibility to protect your own system from potential damage and pressure spikes.
 - Never try reducing flow by partially opening the outside valve. Doing so will destroy the valve over time. Either its fully open or its fully closed.
 - The irrigation system is not designed for frost protection or for fruit cooling purposes. The irrigation season will not be forwarded or extended for these purposes.
 - All of the Districts irrigation mainlines and turnouts are within a 50 feet easement benefiting the Federal Bureau of Reclamation. They are called out as "25 feet on each side of the irrigation pipe as it lays". No buildings or permanent structures may be placed upon these easements.

