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Important Dates:

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

Please Note!

► The irrigation water is NOT treated for human consumption.

► Never cross connect with culinary water lines.

► Paint all irrigation taps, valves, outlets, etc. "RED" as a warning that they are NOT for human consumption.

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2019 News Update

♦ **Snow Pack.** As of January 2019 we have received 90% of normal estimates, an increase over last year of 40%. Please familiarize yourself with the water conservation practices the District has in place and be alert to all notices of restrictions regarding use or limitation of service. Even in a good water year, everyone benefits when we conserve water.

♦ **Water Delivery** during the 2018 water season was the most difficult Benchland has ever experienced. Due to the lack of snow pack, streams ran low and the length of run-off was shortened. Compounding the problem was the lack of precipitation and above average temperatures throughout the summer months. The Benchland Trustees had no choice but to restrict water usage. This measure was extremely difficult on all of our water users and our staff as well. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and understanding during the water season. Let's all hope for a great snow pack in 2019.

♦ **Smart Controller Rebate Program.** The Board of Trustees have passed a motion to allow rebates to its

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 the boundaries.

Applications must be submitted within 30 days of purchase.

Only the products on the approved product list will qualify for rebate. See www.weberbasin.com/conservation for a full list.



CHANGES TO THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

By Scott L Parsell, Manager, Benchland Water District

On February 15, 2018, Ralph Reeves was appointed to the District Board to fill the position left due to the resignation of Chairman, Paul E. White. Ralph is a strong believer in serving his community. His many years of management experience in different parts of the country and in several industries is sure to be a positive contribution to the District. On behalf of all the employees and trustees, we welcome Ralph to the Benchland Water District Team.



We are on the Web!

Would you like to receive your
Annual Billing by Email?

Go to:
www.benchlandwater.com/contact

Annual Use Charges are based on the size of the property. Billing is mailed in February prior to the season of usage.

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



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485 East Shepard Lane
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AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY
(801) 726-3709

No Changes to the 2019 Water Use Rates

The Water District has considered all cost increases in the past year and has determined that there will be no change in the Water Use charges for the 2019 season. Our Board of Trustees and District Staff shall continue to provide the most efficient service possible for your use.

ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE SCHEDULE

Residential

.00 to .184 Acres	\$105.00
.185 to .249 Acres	\$125.00
.25 to .499 Acres	\$130.00
.50 to .749 Acres	\$140.00
.75 to 2.0 Acres	\$160.00

Condominium Unit:

Per Residential Unit	\$ 80.00
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Agricultural:

Track Charge	\$100.00
Water Charge per ac ft.	6.50
Contract Requires 3 ac ft. per ac	
(Minimum – 19.50 per ac)	

Commercial, Residential and

Governmental Entities over 2.0 Acres

Track Charge	\$100.00
Water Charge per ac ft.	\$ 10.00
Contract requires 3 ac ft. per ac	
(Minimum - \$30.00 per ac)	

Pumping Facility Users:

a. Track Charge	\$100.00
b. Acreage Use Charge	_____
c. Operation Cost	\$100.00
(Replacement Charge for Pumping)	
d. Electrical Charges	_____
(Pass-through charge for Pumping)	
e. Total Charges	_____

Usage of water over and above the contracted amount will be charged \$160.00 per acre ft. used in excess of the contracted amount. The District charges a one-time contract charge of \$300 plus any cost of installation for each delivery point located on user's property.

Impact fees apply for any new construction per schedule.

Billing Policy

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

60 to 90 days of the initial billing - \$25.00

91 to 100 days of the initial billing - additional \$10.00

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

\$50 Late Penalty – Service will not be available to the property. This will be strictly enforced. Customers will be prohibited from using irrigation water until all unpaid balances and delinquent charges are paid in full.

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 the \$350 contract charge.

Charges are due upon receipt – April 1st \$25.00 late charge applies

Impact Fee Schedule is going to be updated in 2019

Impact fees will be assessed on any newly installed service lines, new subdivisions or new construction that will take place within the District's boundaries. In other words, any existing homes or lots within the boundaries that do not have Benchland Water stubbed to the property as of February 12, 2010.

.00 to .25 acres	\$ 586.00
.251 to .50 acres	\$ 1,172.00
.501 to .75 acres	\$ 1,758.00
.751 to 1.0 acres	\$ 2,344.00
1.01 to 1.25 acres	\$ 2,930.00
1.251 to 1.50 acres	\$ 3,516.00
1.501 to 1.75 acres	\$ 4,102.00
1.751 to 2.0 acres	\$ 4,688.00

Anything above 2.0 Acres will be assessed the following Impact fee formula
Number of Irrigated Acres x Impact fee of \$2,344.00

NOTE: Our Impact Fees are currently under review. Look for changes to Fees in 2019.

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 & 6 pm

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

DO NOT – Water your landscape for more than the recommended length of time or time frequencies. If water is running down the streets and gutters, it is too much. (see watering guide)

On average, we use nearly two-thirds of our water outdoors. As much as one-half of the water used on lawns is wasted through incorrect watering.

Meter Policy

Benchland Water District requires the installation of a secondary water meter on all new development projects where secondary water connections are required/installed. Each individual connection is to have its own meter and service valve in addition to the technology (if meter radio read unit) to facilitate the gathering of water use information from the meter.

For additional tips on how to irrigate more efficiently, contact:

Utah State University Extension Office
Telephone: 801-451-3412 or 544-3089

Or visit their web site:

www.extension.usu.edu

Residential Lawn Watering Guide

Most of us tend to water too often and leave the sprinklers on too long.

Turf studies have shown that most lawns need to be watered 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.

Use the following watering schedule to determine how often and how to irrigate. It is a guideline based on 30 year average precipitation rates. Unusual warm conditions may require an occasional irrigation a day earlier than scheduled. Rain storms or cool periods may allow postponing or skipping an irrigation day.

By following the irrigation schedule provided on this page, you will apply the maximum amount of water required by lawn. You will also use about half of the water the average Utah homeowner uses.

Month	Interval
Startup to April 30 th	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



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.

After Hours Emergency Phone:
(801) 726-3709

What's New?

Rain/Soil Moisture/ Weather Sensors

A device that acts like a thermostat for your sprinkler system, telling it when to turn-on and off. To be used instead of irrigating using a controller with a clock and a preset schedule. Sensor Controllers allow watering schedules to better match your landscaped water needs and reduce overwatering by applying water only when lawns and plants need it. Experts estimate this could save as much as 50% of Water used for landscaped irrigation.

For more information go to
www3.epa.gov/watersense/products/controltech.html

Even in a good water year,
Everyone benefits when we
Conserve water.
Thank you!

USING FILTERS

The Benchland Water System screens all water entering the distribution system through 1/8" screens. Particles small enough to pass through the 1/8" screen will enter the distribution system. This size particle passes through the majority of traditional sprinkler heads.

In an effort to assist users of the District's irrigation service, the following recommendations are offered:

•No filter on the market at the present time is self-cleaning. A regular schedule of cleaning a filter is essential in maintaining an irrigation system that utilizes a filter.

•For those users who choose to use filters with their irrigation system the District suggests the use of a 32 mesh filter.

•If a filter more fine than the 32 mesh is used, the maintenance and cleaning will be expected to increase significantly.



2019 System Replacement Plan

The Benchland Water District first supplied regular pressurized irrigation service to customers beginning April 27, 1978. The Bureau of Reclamation, who originally lent the funds to construct our system, required that our plan of replacement provide means to replace the initially constructed facilities within the first thirty-two years of operation. Our own experience in providing irrigation service for the past quarter of a century confirms the validity of this projection.

After careful study of all options, Trustees of the District have adopted a system replacement plan. Looking ahead

this plan can be accomplished with small increases in our rates. During the operation of the plan, the District will systematically replace, and where appropriate, strengthen facilities with the purpose of continuing to provide the highest quality of irrigation service.

Projects include a vulnerable section of original main distribution lines replaced, cathodic protection installation on metal distribution lines not adequately protected, projects to provide cleaner water to customers, and implementation of a District GIS program.

The District is most appreciative of the cooperation of

our customers in conserving water. We continue to enlist your support by only using the water you need and needing the water you use.

You are invited to request additional information concerning these matters or other aspects of District operations by contacting our office at:

**485 East Shepard Lane
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Or
(801) 451-2105
During Business Hours
Or
www.benchlandwater.com**

**After Hours emergency line:
(801) 726-3709**

District Election Information

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. In the General Election to be held in 2019 three trustees are up for re-election. They are Chairman Scott Bass, trustees Paul Hirst and Ralph Reeves. Their terms as well as the remaining Trustees current terms are as follows:

Scott Bass Chairman	Jan 1, 2016 - Dec 31, 2019	Ralph Reeves	Feb 15, 2018– Dec 31, 2019
Paul Hirst	Jan 1, 2016 - Dec 31, 2019	Judy Rice	Jan 1, 2018 - Dec 31, 2021
Phil Leonard Vice Chairman	Jan 1, 2018 - Dec 31, 2021	Justen Smith	Jan 1 2018 - Dec 31, 2021
		Jim Taylor	Jan 1, 2018 - Dec 31, 2021

Did you know ... ?

♦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 service 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. **DO NOT USE THE DISTRICT VALVE IN ANYWAY WITHOUT CONSENT FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE. (801) 451-2105.**

♦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 on your property without your directing it.

♦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.

Note from the Staff:

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

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