



Current Events

August 2022

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Office closures for August

Our office will be closed on the following date and time:

- Thursday, August 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a company meeting

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Early End to 2022 Irrigation Season *Please watch for further announcements*

WaterPro/Draper Irrigation will stop providing water for the season through our pressure irrigation (PI) system in September, due to the ongoing drought.

We hope to be able to supply water until September 15th, but depending on conditions and decisions by the governing authorities, we may need to shut off the system around the 1st.

We will inform customers via an email blast as conditions change.

Why is the PI season being cut short? Here is some background.

The body that governs Utah Lake water distribution has announced that, due to the ongoing severe drought, certain water users will not receive any water after August 1. These are the users who hold only “secondary” water rights. Holders of “primary” water rights will be able to continue providing water into

September, until the system is shut down for the season.

WaterPro’s PI system relies extensively on water from Utah Lake. While we do hold some secondary rights, fortunately the company had the foresight several years ago to purchase additional primary rights that will allow us to continue receiving and pumping water until the system is shut down for the season.

In most years the PI season lasts until October 15. That date is the LAST day we can legally provide water through this system. In drought years, the water supply may dictate that the authorities shut down the system earlier than October 15. This is one of those years.

We ask all of you to continue using water wisely and to help preserve this precious resource. Watch for updates on the exact shutdown date via email, our website, and this newsletter.





Outdoor fun in a drought?

As if anyone could forget...the entire western US is still living through the worst drought in at least 1,200 years.

Is it possible for kids to have watery fun outdoors in the face of this megadrought? Yes, as long as you use some creativity!

The Weekly Lawn Watering Guide at conserwater.utah.gov currently recommends two waterings per week, so schedule water play sessions with sprinklers or a slip-and-slide for your watering day, preferably in the late afternoon or evening to minimize evaporation.

Just find the driest spot in your yard and set up the watery fun there – so your kids can water the grass while they have cool outdoor fun. Move them around to get the whole yard wet!



Just a Reminder: “Double Check Valve” backflow assemblies not approved

For all our residential and retail customers who are concerned about their backflow assemblies, we want to issue a reminder that “Double Check Valve” backflow assemblies are not approved for landscape irrigation systems per plumbing code 608.17.5

Residential Customers

- If you currently have a landscape irrigation system Double-Check Valve assembly that was installed *before* 2006, it can temporarily remain in place on a case-by-case basis.
- Any existing Double Check Valve assemblies must pass the annual testing required by the code. If your unit does not pass testing, NO repairs are allowed.
- When a unit fails, you must replace it with a properly installed backflow assembly that is currently approved for landscape irrigation.

Commercial Customers

- Any existing landscape irrigation system Double Check Valve assemblies shall be brought into compliance with current landscape irrigation codes - in other words, they will need to be replaced.
- Test results will not be accepted for commercial landscape irrigation system Double Check Valve assemblies.

Backflow Protection is Required

Remember, it is every property owner’s responsibility to comply with current backflow protection requirements. If you have questions, please consult the Backflow section on our website or call our office at 801-571-2232 and ask to speak to our backflow specialist.

From the Public Service Commission of Utah (PSC)

RE: Public hearing for culinary water rate increase

A Settlement Stipulation was entered into Docket No. 21-2443-01 on July 18th.

The hearing on the stipulation has been requested for August 4, 2022, the hearing date originally scheduled for this docket. Please refer to www.waterpro.net for the full Settlement Stipulation, link to the Public Service Commission website, and link to the public hearing scheduled for August 4, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.