



# Current Events

November 2022

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## Office closures for November

Our office will be closed all day on the following dates:

- Thursday and Friday, November 24 & 25 in observance of Thanksgiving

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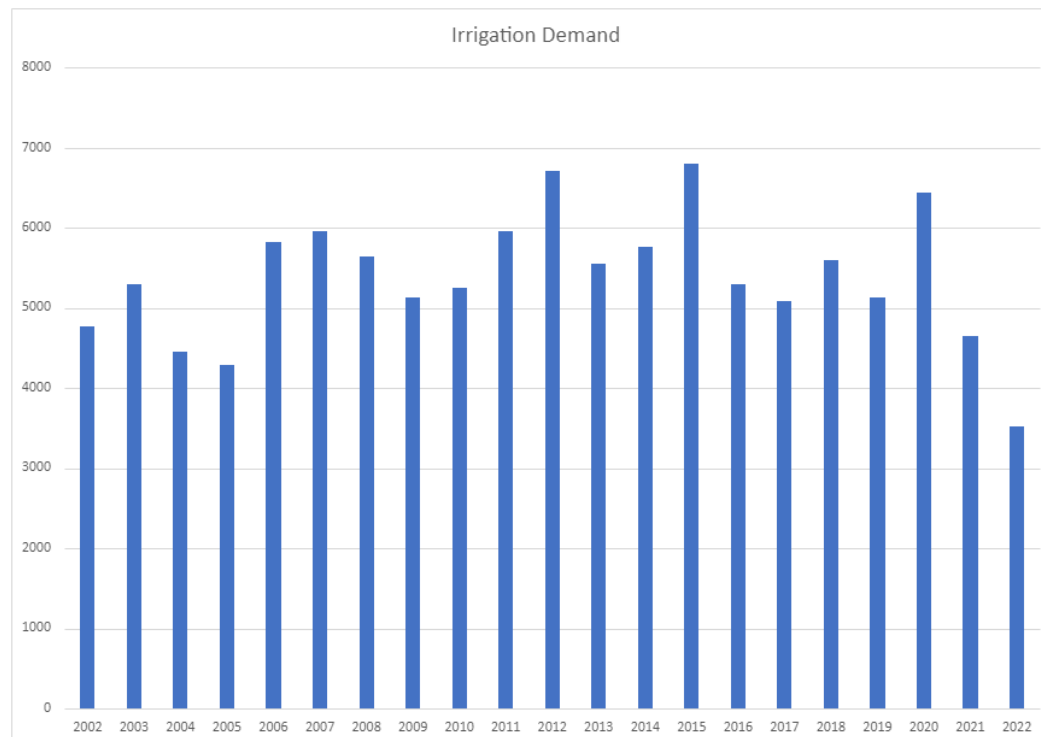
## Irrigation Water Demand at Lowest Level Ever

Sometimes it seems as if all the news about the drought is dire, but today we have something to celebrate: our customers have been using irrigation water wisely, leading to the lowest overall use since our pressure irrigation system was installed in 1994.

The chart below shows demand on our irrigation system since 2002. It's true that in the past couple of years we have ended the irrigation season early due to the drought, but we estimate that if we were to

have continued at the pumping rate we were at on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September, we still would have ended the year with an irrigation system use of 3940 acre-feet. That would most likely be the lowest use since the system was installed in 1994.

Keep in mind that while this decline in demand has occurred, the population of Draper has roughly doubled in the same period, which makes this conservation effort even more impressive. Keep up the good work!



## Water Conservation Is Crucial for the Great Salt Lake

The Great Salt Lake is at its lowest level since recordkeeping began in 1947.

Why is this a problem? Many longtime residents vividly remember the early 1980s, when water levels were so high that pumps were installed (but never used) to empty excess water into the desert.

However, the situation has changed, and experts say Utah's increasing population and subsequent increasing water use

make it virtually certain that the water level will continue to drop.

Some of the problems associated with a shrinking Great Salt Lake include:

- **Decrease in brine shrimp**, a \$67-million-per year industry that supplies food for fish farms around the world.
- **Negative impact on migratory birds**, which rely heavily on the Great Salt Lake during their migrations.

- **Worsening air quality in northern Utah.** As dry lakebed areas are exposed, heavy metals such as mercury and arsenic are caught up in dust storms and inhaled by the local population.

Utah's population is getting the message about water conservation, but we need to remember that using water wisely is not a temporary measure; it's an ongoing way of life for our desert climate.

### Community Events in November

**Veterans' Day Celebration**  
November 11, 11:00 a.m.



**Where:** Draper City Park (12500 S 1300 E)

**What:** Posting of the colors, musical performances, and a keynote address. There will also be a Field of Flags, with over 1,000 flags displayed.

**Cost:** Free!

**For more information:** 801-576-6572 or visit [draper.ut.us](http://draper.ut.us)

**Tree Lighting Ceremony**  
November 28, 6-8 p.m.



**Where:** Draper City Park (12500 S 1300 E)

**What:** Santa at the Day Barn, over 3 million lights throughout the park, hot chocolate and cookies, pony rides, and marshmallow roasting.

**Cost:** Free!

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