

**WHEATLAND IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

**Phone 322-2740**

**Office Hours: Monday - Friday - 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Closed for lunch)**

**When we are delivering water we are open Saturday - 7:00 a.m. to 12 noon and open during lunch hour**

A brief explanation of our system will help you to understand our rules: It takes approximately 2 days to get your water to you but we try to keep enough cushion to allow us to deliver it in one day. It would still take several hours to make changes on the same day because the ditchrider would have to adjust the entire canal, not just your headgate. Our system is a closed end system, so we have to keep the exact amount in the canal because there is no place for the extra water to go and the person on the end could be flooded. Or if someone wants extra water, it has to be put in the canal which takes time. If you need your water shut off, we have to find a place to put it until it can be taken out of the canal. Any situation can either flood someone or short someone. Please understand that this situation puts limits on us, so we must ask for your cooperation by following the rules we have to make the system work for everyone. There are around 500 active water users in the system and we have to keep the order as best we can.

- 1. On and off orders must be called in to our office before 4:00 on the day before the change (on or off, increase or decrease). Usage will be recorded until we have an off order in the office.**
- 2. We turn the water out of our canal and it is the landowner or lessees responsibility to get the water to their place. We have no responsibility for the water once it is turned out of our canal.**
- 3. The District Ditchriders are the only ones allowed to operate our main headgates out of our canal.**
- 4. We only make changes once per day so you are required to keep the water for 24 hours or arrange with a neighbor to take it if possible.**
- 5. We do not make any changes on Sundays.**
- 6. Our Ditchriders are not supposed to take orders on the canal, but if they want to, you should ask them to call it in to the office while you are there and can hear it. This is to assure you that the order has been called in and that you will get your water. The ditchriders will only take orders for the next day, the same way the office does.**
- 7. The minimum amount for an order is 1/2 foot (cubic foot per second)**
- 8. If you are not getting your water, please call the office the same day, we can help you find out why but please check to see if your headgate is plugged first.**
- 9. Your taxes must be paid before we will turn your water on. The reason for this is because you use water in the summer, then pay for the usage of this water after you have used it. (i.e., this year's taxes are for last years water). No water shall be used on any lands that have delinquent water taxes.**
- 10. You are responsible for taking care of your water and your waste water. There are specific state rules and regulations that cover this and by doing so, you will avoid problems.**

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The amount of water we have in storage determines the amount of water you will have to use for the irrigation season. The Board of Directors set an allotment each year based on supply. If the Board sets the allotment at 1 foot per acre and you have 80 acres, you will have 80 acre feet of water to use for the season. If you order 1 foot (cubic foot per second), it is equal to 2 acre feet per 24 hour period. You would then have 40 days of water to use for the season.

We usually start running water in May. Sometimes we only run for a few weeks at this time then shut off and come on later when the water is needed more. Usually when the water comes back on after the short run, the water will stay on for the summer. The weather and amount of orders we have determine our running dates. The water is usually shut off for the season in mid September. We need to have enough orders to start running and if our orders drop below that during the season, we may have to shut off. If we have a bad storm we might shut the system down to avoid damage to the system and to the area, however this takes time. If we do shut off for any reason, we need a new order in the office to come back on. We do not automatically start your water just because you were running when we shut off.

If you are not getting the water you ordered and you have a headgate onto your place, please check to see if your headgate is plugged or not open before calling into the office. We only regulate our headgates out of our main canals and wouldn't be able to tell you why you aren't getting your water if we have turned it in to your ditch. We can tell you who should be using water on your ditch but then it would be your responsibility to find out where your water is going.

Please have your ditches cleaned before you order water. We only clean from our main ditch to the measuring device out of our ditch.

If you stop taking your water for any reason without turning an order into the office, your record will still show usage and will deplete the amount you have to use. We will not adjust your usage unless it was due to us not turning the water out of our ditch to you. If we have turned your water on from your order, you will be charged with usage until we receive an off order. So it is necessary to let us know when you are not getting your water as soon as possible or when you want it off.

We cannot get involved in problems you may have with your neighbors because we cannot take sides of one person against another. We have to treat all people the same. If you have problems with your neighbors, please try to work it out with them.

We generally do not set dates when the water will come on or go off because the weather or other conditions can change on a moments notice. We try to advertise on KYCN Radio Station when we can but this is not always possible. Our orders and weather determine what we do. When we are taking orders to start the system, we will call you before we turn your water on just to be sure you still want it.

There are times when people order more water than our canals can hold, we then have to go on ditch regulation. Our regulation is usually 1 foot of water per 80 acres of land. We will contact you if this happens.

If a holiday falls on Saturday or Monday during irrigation season, the office will be open until noon and changes will be made on the ditches. If the holiday falls in the middle of the week, the office will be closed all day and no changes will be made on the ditches.

We will put any alerts or notices on our website: [widirrigation.com](http://widirrigation.com)