

## WHEATLAND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Phone 322-2740

**Office Hours: Monday – Friday 7:00am to 4:00pm**

**Saturday 7:00am to Noon (only while delivering water)**

Our system is a closed end system therefore the exact amount of water is kept in the canal. In the event an emergency requires a change to take place on the same day, it may take several hours to make the change as the entire canal needs to be adjusted, not just your headgate. The ditchrider must find a place to put the water until it can be taken out of the canal. Failure to do this may cause flooding or a shortage to other water users.

Your understanding of how same day changes are handled and your cooperation in following procedures will assist us in making the system work more efficiently for the approximately 500 active water users.

1. On and off orders **must** be called in to our office before **4:00pm** on the day **before** the change is to take effect (on/off, increase/decrease). Usage will be recorded until the office receives an "off" order.
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 are **not** responsible for the water once it is turned out of our canal.
3. The District Ditchriders are the **only** ones authorized to operate the main headgates out of our canal.
4. We make changes **once** a day therefore you are required to keep the water for 24 hours.
5. **No** changes are made on Sundays.
6. Our Ditchriders do **not** take orders on the canal. All orders must be called into the office.
7. The minimum amount for an order is ½ foot (cubic foot per second).
8. If you are not getting your water, please call the office as soon as possible, the same day. We can assist you in finding out why, but please check that your headgate is not plugged with trash or other debris.
9. Your taxes **MUST** be paid before we will deliver water to you. All taxes not paid in full by the 31<sup>st</sup> of December of the year preceding the current water year (if paying in one payment) or the 10<sup>th</sup> of May of the current water year (if paying in two equal payments, the first payment being due on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November of the year preceding the current water year) shall be considered delinquent. **PLEASE REFER TO W.I.D HANDBOOK OF MEMBER RULES AND REGULATION FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.**
10. You are responsible for taking care of both your water AND your waste water. There are specific state rules and regulations covering this.

## Wheatland Irrigation District

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. An order of 1 foot (cubic foot per second) is equal to 2 acre feet in a 24 hour period, giving you 40 days of water for the season.

We usually start running water in May. Sometimes we only run for a few weeks at this time and then shut off until later in the season when the water is needed more. Usually when the water comes back on after the first short run, it will stay on for the season. Shut off for the season usually occurs in mid-September. In order to efficiently deliver, we need to have enough orders before we begin running. If orders drop below that amount, we may have to shut off until such time as orders increase. If there is a storm, the system may need to be shut down in order to avoid damage to the system and to the area. In the event we have to shut off, for any reason, a new order will need to be called into the office.

**We will not automatically restart your water at the previous order.**

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, for any reason, you stop taking your water without turning in an order to the office, your record will continue to show usage and will decrease the amount you have left to use. We will not adjust your usage unless there is an error on our part. You will be charged for usage until an "off" order is received.

We typically do not set dates for starting or shutting off water as weather, orders and other conditions determine these dates. We do our best to advertise the schedule when timing permits. We advertise on KYCN Radio and/or post on Facebook and our website as soon as we are certain of any start or shut off dates.

When orders are being taken to start up the system we will call you before we turn on your water to confirm that you still want and are ready for it.

There have been times when the water orders are more than our canals can hold. In this case we go on ditch regulation. Regulation is usually 1 foot of water for 80 acres of land. You will be notified if this happens.

In the event a holiday falls on a Monday during water 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.

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