



# Orchard Avenue Irrigation

## 2022 Newsletter

### Updates

Orchard Avenue's Newsletter and Water Quality Report are available on our website. If you would like to download a copy, please visit; [www.orchardavenueirrigation.com](http://www.orchardavenueirrigation.com)

In August DOH representative Scott Mallery, performed the Sanitary Survey with no findings. Next survey is predicted to be done the year of 2026.

After 14 years the plant investment fees were increased starting in January 2022 to keep up with rising costs.

Laurie Awbery was appointed Secretary to the Board and was hired as Secretary of the District. Elizabeth Kline resigned after 8 years of service with Orchard Avenue on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

### 2022 Events

Regular Board Meetings - 6:00 P.M. on the third Tuesday of each month. (Unless otherwise posted)

Water Conservation Day - March 22nd during office hours at the District Office. Stop by for a packet full of information.

Celebrate National Drinking Water Week; May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> during office hours.

Meter Reading - Begins the first week of August.

Equalization Meeting - 6:00 P.M. preceding the December Board Meeting.

### Annual Water Use Efficiency Performance Report

Spokane County System ID 64000E  
Greg Bowman 509-926-4563

August 2020 thru July 2021  
Total water pumped: 348,581,677 gallons

This summer the District will continue to replace old water meters and move meters out of basements to the property line. This will assist in locating additional leakage on individual properties. Orchard Avenue's replaced one pump during 2021, making the district more energy efficient.

### How You Can Help Save Water

- Listen for the sound of running water in unlikely areas.
- Fix any dripping faucets or leaking connections.
- Fixing running toilets can prevent a water loss of up to 10 gallons per minute.
- Check and maintain your sprinkler system regularly! Damaged lines can lead to extensive water loss.
- Please report any continual pooled water to the district office at 509-926-4563.

### Winter Weather Tips

- ✦ Remove all hoses from outside faucets.
- ✦ Insulate your water meter properly.
- ✦ Check for leaks after any thaw.
- ✦ If it's extremely cold, trickling water (just beyond a drip) will help prevent your pipes from freezing.

### Sprinkler System Users

#### Per Washington State law

Sprinkler systems must be installed with an approved device that keeps hazardous herbicides and pesticides from back-siphoning into your water supply. Orchard Avenue sends out an annual letter in the spring reminding our patrons to have their devices tested. Our website has a tab dedicated to backflow and cross-connection information.

**If you do not have your backflow device tested by a certified tester and no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>, you are subject to a \$250 fine and termination of water service.**

### Meter Reading

Water meter reading begins in the first week of August. If you have a basement meter and you are not home when the meter reader stops by, you are required to submit your reading by phone or through our website.

### Summer Water Conservation Ideas

- ★ Evenings or early mornings are the best times to water.
- ★ Instead of sprinkling daily, deep soak your lawn twice a week.
- ★ Don't run the hose continuously while washing vehicles.
- ★ Sweep driveways and walkways instead of hosing.
- ★ Be creative! Our website has a lot of great conservation tips and activates. You can also stop by our office to pick up FREE conservation information.

### Fire Hydrants

If a fire hydrant is located on your property, please keep it clean and accessible.

Hydrants are for fire protection only!

Please report any unauthorized use to the District

### Want to be a Board Member?

If you are a parcel owner in this district, nomination petitions and applications are available at our office. They are due by the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in November, followed by elections in December. Contact the office for information on open positions.

### Need To Contact Us?

Phone: 509-926-4563 Fax: 509-922-8170

Or check out our website:

<https://orchardavenueirrigation.com>

Office hours - 8:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M. Monday - Friday

### Aquifer Protection Program

Do not pour anything on the ground you would not want to drink. Use the Transfer Station to dispose of any toxic chemical.  
Location: University & Montgomery Phone: 509-924-5678

We hope you and your families are staying safe and healthy. We want to assure you we are working hard to provide safe and reliable drinking water to your homes and businesses.