**MISSION STATEMENT: Model Irrigation believes we have one of the best drinking water sources available. We are constantly striving to keep it supplied to you, our customer, in a pristine form at an economical rate.**

# 2015 NEWSLETTER

District Philosophy: As a public water system, representing the people in our area, Model strives to make it our duty to provide the best service and quality at the lowest economical rate, while conforming to local, state, and federal regulations.

**THE YEAR 2015:**

* Erv Williams and Diane Doran retired at the end of 2014. We wish them a very Happy Retirement. We welcome Jessica Bahn as our new board member and Karyn Scott is the new District Secretary.
* The District is upgrading the water lines on 25th between University and Bowdish. This project will be completed around the end of August, so please bear with us.

**2015 ANNUAL BASIC RATE** for water use is $204 per residence, which is collected as an assessment through the Spokane County Treasurer. The homeowner pays basic water through the assessments, but the District bills all excess water charges separately.

**2015 EXCESS RATES** begin after 6,000 cubic feet (cf) of water is used every 6 months. You are charged 20 cents per hundred cf for the first 25,000 cf of excess use and 25 cents per hundred cf for excess use over 25,000 cf.

***Note:*** *$0.20 = 100 cf = 748 gallons. (6,000 cf = 44,883 gallons of water).* **METERS** are read April 1st & October 1st.

**In 2014, the District performed 191 required** drinking water contaminants tests. Water quality details are included on the opposite page. Also, included is information about how your drinking water meets and/or exceeds Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with this information because informed customers are our best allies.

EARLY IN 2015, WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY issued a drought warning. Since the fall of 2014 this area has received only 4 inches of rain. Even though we live in a desert, the Spokane Aquifer offers us a vast water supply. We need to use this supply wisely.

You can help! Maintain your sprinkler system. Check all sprinkler zones monthly, check for brown spots and holes in the lawn around sprinkler heads, water can be leaking from seals and rotors. To use our water supply wisely, don’t water on windy days or during the heat of the day. Did you know when sprinkler heads wear out they use more gallons per minute but with less coverage? When lines break and heads blow out, water is wasted. This can happen at any time, so save water and money by checking regularly.

***Please notify our office of any changes in billing information***.

**ALL SPRINKLER SYSTEMS** require **backflow protection** to protect our water quality. Remember, lawns only use about 1 inch of water weekly.

**WATER CONSERVATION KITS** (indoor & outdoor) are available at the office.

**HOUSEHOLD LEAKS** Last year, we found that 3% of homes in the District have leaks. These leaks cost you money. Take a few minutes to check toilets, faucets, sprinkler systems, hot tub connections, etc. We continue to check household usage. If a problem is detected, you will receive a letter and a District representative will visit to help you identify the problem(s).

Washington State’s Water Use Efficiency (WUE) standards require that all districts have less than 10% lost water. Model’s 2014 lost water was only 4.0%. Thank you for helping us use water wisely, and meet our WUE goals.

**IN 2016, YOUR CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT (CCR) IS GOING ELECTRONIC!!** You can access the Districts report and newsletter at [**www.modirr.org**](http://www.modirr.org)**.** If you would like to receive a notification when the report is available, email karyn@modirr.org, or follow us on Twitter @Modelirr.

***“Your drinking water is beneath you”.***

**BOARD MEETINGS** are held on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 3:30 p.m. Meetings are subject to change, call 926-5759 to verify time and date if you want to attend. Your participation is welcome!

**MODEL IRRIGATION** is available **24 HRS A DAY** at **926-5759**. Please leave a message with the answering service. In case of an emergency, the answering service will contact the person on call for help.

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