

Midway Irrigation Company
Season and Meter Update
August 28, 2023

Our Season so far.

As of today, this irrigation season has been one of our best on record. Mother Nature has been very good to us. The record setting snowpack of last winter carried promises and potential trouble. Certainly, the water content of the massive snowfall would prove to be very helpful reversing some of our drought conditions by helping to recover water levels in our reservoirs, aquifers and streams this summer. But it melted in a very orderly fashion as well running off slow enough to avoid most flooding. In Midway, we made it with only a few flooded fields and lots of sandbags but otherwise, everything turned out ok. Add to that a higher-than-normal rainfall summer and we know we have been blessed. Changes in weather will leave us guessing every time but, I'll take another winter just like it anytime. It makes my job a lot easier.

Midway Irrigation Meter install Project.

As many of you have noticed, we continued our meter installation project this summer. Last summer, we started in the southeast part of town and worked toward the north. This year, we started where we left off moving north to Burgi Hill Ranches and Dutch Canyon before turning west. Our crews are now working on the west side of center street with a goal of being in the Swiss Alpine and Lime Canyon areas of the city in the next few weeks. They will be leaving town during Swiss Days. Our crews are doing their best to get the installs completed as quick and as professionally as they can. Most are going smoothly but, when they leave, if you have some problems or concerns, get back with us. We'll make it right. We have had a few problems and have discussed adjustments with our contractor. Hopefully, yours won't be a problem. However, some of the meter boxes were left with less backfill or support than they needed and/or with very sandy backfill which washed into the box if too much water is introduced too quickly. One hint... Once it sets up and the grass starts to fill back in, it should be fine. Again, if you have a concern or a problem, give me a call.

Our plan is to notify homeowners with a doorknob hanger announcing that we would be in the area soon. We are still trying to notify everyone, but our installers have been quicker than our notices are in some places. When installation crews arrive, the area around your existing box is excavated using a vac truck and jet of water so no existing underground facilities are damaged. They then turn off your service and install the meter in the best possible configuration with your other components like filters and valves then install an irrigation box over them. Most of you will likely end up with a new valve box next to your old one to accommodate the meter. Again, if you have questions, please call. We intend to keep the project going into the fall as the weather permits us to get them done.

One more note, all new construction should be installing meters as their landscaping goes in. Please give me a call when you're ready to get started.

With so many construction projects around town, many have had their patience tested even before we arrive. We will try to make your meter installation as painless as possible.

Hope the balance of your summer is pleasant and let's continue to pray of more snow.

Thanks.

Have a great day.

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