

Irrigation season will start this year on 4/10/24, with the possibility of being delayed by 2 weeks depending on weather conditions. You may be skipping your first rotation. Please check our website or call your Ditch Rider for updates.

www.eaglepointirrigation.com

If you plan to change from flood irrigation to any other method:

Water may not be stored or impounded without prior approval from the District.

You must fill out a Change of Irrigation Practice (COIP) application, and submit it to the District office before April 1** each year. The Manager will do site inspections and consultations to analyze your plan to make sure no harm is done to other patrons. Rules, Forms & information at: www.eaglepointirrigation.com

****For the 2024 season, the COIP fee is \$2000.00****

No applications will be accepted for 2024 after April 1

Apps received after 4/1/24 will be deferred to next year

please see our website: www.eaglepointirrigation.com
for forms, due dates, fee schedule, board meeting schedule, and much more

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If you plan to hay this year, please notify your ditch rider ahead of time so things go smoothly. Try to be courteous and coordinate your rotation schedule with neighbors or others on your ditch for the best time, so no one's hay gets wet. 😊

During the off season, the crew has been busy repairing and improving our delivery system. This is a good time to remind everyone to provide access by installing access gates if you have a cross fence or property line fence crossing the ditch. In some cases a simple cowboy gate is all that is needed, and it's inexpensive to do. Providing continuous access along the ditch helps us do a better job of maintaining and delivering the water to everyone, and is also consistent with the rules and regulations of the District. For more information on rules and regulations go to: (www.eaglepointirrigation.com). To those who already have access gates on the ditch banks, thank you for helping us with this problem.

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*****If your phone, email, or address has changed, please let us know*****

The email address for our office is office@eaglepointid.org

Check out our website! www.eaglepointirrigation.com

Neal Henriksen is our Canal Patrolman. Jeff Rambo & Chuck Raines are our Ditch Riders, and Dennis Acrey is our Equipment Operator. You can find your Ditch Rider's phone number on your rotation schedule.

WE COULD USE YOUR HELP!

DURING BAD RAIN STORMS, WE GET LOTS OF CALLS OUT FOR FLOOD CONTROL. YOU COULD HELP OUT BY OPENING YOUR IRRIGATION GATES TO RELIEVE SOME OF THE FLOOD WATER. THE STAFF IS NORMALLY BUSY TRYING TO KEEP DEBRIS OUT OF THE CANAL AND POWER PLANT, SO ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!! THANKS

Damages to Facilities:

It is the duty of every landowner to use care and avoid damages to District canals or other facilities. There are some ditches where landowner's livestock have repeatedly caused substantial damages to the District's irrigation ditch. The District's Legal Counsel advises that this amounts to a trespass for which the landowner is liable to the District for damages. The landowner will be charged for all damage repairs. See Rules and Regulations Handbook #27- Damages to Facilities. In order to reduce the possibility of repair charges from the EPID for the repair of damaged ditches, it is suggested that you not have livestock feeding or drinking along or near the irrigation ditch.

Rogue Basin Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan:

Irrigation Districts are required to have a plan under the Federal Clean Water Act, under the direction of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), to help the local creeks meet state water quality standards in relations to bacteria, temperature, excess sediments, excessive aquatic weeds, etc. After coordinating with DEQ and the Rogue Valley Council of Governments, the District accepted the Rogue Basin TMDL Implementation Plan. The plan lays out specific criteria the District must perform and document on an annual basis what we are doing in our district to address our impact on water quality in the Rogue Basin.

Management Tips – What you can do:

- Keep soil and nutrients on site.
 - Pipe ditches through pastures.
 - Provide an alternate drinking water source.
 - Fence livestock out of canals and ditches.
 - Keep manure, fertilizer, animals out of streams and irrigation canals and ditches
 - Pile manure away from canals and ditches.
 - Apply fertilizer based on crop needs, soil tests, irrigation schedule and weather.
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Excess bacteria and nitrates in water can harm people and contaminate drinking water.

Keeping water clean is an Oregon Law (ORS 468B.025). It states that no person shall:

- Pollute any water including wells, ditches and streams.
 - Violate water quality standards.
 - Place wastes such as sediments (dirt, weeds, etc.) or manure where they are likely to enter water.
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Contact your local Soil & Water Conservation District for technical assistance.

Ask them for a copy of the area plans & rules.

Jackson Soil & Water Conservation Dist. – (541) 423-6165

Rogue River Watershed Council - (541) 423-6158 • Oregon State University Extension – (541) 776-7371

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