

HOW MUCH
WATER
DO I GET?

There are many ways to measure water. One is simply by how much there is. Like any volume measure, this means that an area is multiplied by a height — “acre-feet” is an acre of area, a foot high, for example.

When the KID says that you have a 42” water allotment, this means that over a year’s time, you are given an amount of water equal to the area of your property (whether it’s a lot or an acre), filled to a depth of three and a half feet.

Your “every other day” allotment for each month of the watering season is:

APRIL	MAY	JUNE
3/8”	3/8”	1/2”
JULY	AUGUST	SEPT./OCT.
1/2”	1/2”	3/8”



Helping hands

Sooner or later, we all need a helping hand. That’s why the Kennewick Irrigation District created a program that makes it easy for you to help others who may be in danger of losing their property because they can’t pay.

The Helping Hands program’s sole source of funding is donations made by you and other concerned neighbors. There are many reasons someone might find themselves in need of help: medical emergency, family problems, unemployment, and more. No one expects those kinds of problems. And very few people can handle them alone.

One way to donate to Helping Hands is by writing the amount you wish to donate on the line labeled, “Helping Hands Donation” in the upper right hand corner of your assessment notice. This one-time donation will be distributed by the Benton Franklin Community Action Committee to KID ratepayers who need help.



How much water is enough?



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How do I know IF I'M OVER-WATERING?

The official allotment of water for KID water users is 42". That means that in the course of a water year, the Bureau of Reclamation will allow you to receive a cumulative total of 42" of water over your "arable" property.

Think of it this way: you can water every other day from April through mid-October. Because plants need more water at the height of summer than Spring and Fall, we ask that in June, July and August, you water to a depth of 1/2"; in April, May, September and October, limit the sprinkling to 3/8" in depth. That way you come out just right.

Just a reminder: watering the recommended amount every other day promotes a strong, healthy lawn with good root growth. Watering every day is actually worse for your lawn; and, over-watering could result in an excess water charge for your entire neighborhood.

How to measure the water your lawn is receiving



Check to make sure sprinkler heads are working properly.

Take four or five round, flat, inch-high tin cans with vertical sides (tuna cans work well for this) and set them around the area that you wish to measure.

Turn on the sprinkler system for 15 minutes.

At the end of that time, collect the cans and measure the depth of water in each. Add the amounts together and divide the total by the number of cans used. Divide that number by fifteen. The result is the number of inches of

water per minute that your sprinkler system is putting on that part of the yard or garden.

If the water allotment for a watering day is 1/2", for example (see previous page), and your sprinkler system puts out 1/100" of water per minute, you would need to run your sprinklers for only fifty minutes, every other day, to reach the total water allotment.

If you have different kinds of sprinklers on different areas, measure them separately. They probably have different flow rates and need different amounts of watering time.

