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### Kennewick Irrigation District Encourages Voluntary Watering Schedule to Conserve Water

**Kennewick, WA** – The Kennewick Irrigation District (KID) is urging customers to adopt a voluntary watering schedule now in response to worsening drought conditions across Washington State.

While a mandatory schedule may be inevitable, proactive water conservation efforts now can help either shorten the amount of time needed for a mandatory schedule or remove it altogether.

### **Working Together to Secure Our Water Supply:**

By following a voluntary watering schedule, we can collectively reduce our overall water usage and ensure a reliable supply for all customers throughout the summer.

## **How a Voluntary Watering Schedule Helps:**

During low water years, canals carry less water. If everyone waters their lawns at the same time, typically mornings, it creates a surge in demand that can quickly deplete canal levels. Spreading out watering helps maintain consistent pressure and ensures everyone has access to the water they need.

# **Voluntary Watering Schedule Implementation:**

Watering schedule is based off of the last digit of your property address. For example, if your address was 2015 S. Ely Street, you would have the opportunity to water 20 minutes per zone on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday morning.

Days of the Week	<u>Morning</u>	<b>Evening</b>
Sunday	1,5	0,4
Monday	3,7,8	6,9
Tuesday	1,5	0,2
Wednesday	3,7	4,6,9
Thursday	5,8	0,2
Friday	1,3	4,6
Saturday	7,8	2,9

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# **Additional Ways to Conserve:**

Drip Irrigation systems and hose watering are encouraged for use and are not affected by either schedule. Review our website at kid.org for more detailed information and water-saving tips.

## Let's Avoid Mandatory Schedules:

By working together and adopting these simple measures, we can significantly reduce our water usage and potentially reduce or avoid a mandatory schedule altogether. If drought conditions worsen, a mandatory schedule with stricter limitations may become necessary later in the summer.

#### **Stay Informed:**

KID will provide updates throughout the summer as the water situation evolves. We appreciate your cooperation in following the voluntary watering schedule and implementing water-saving practices.

#### ABOUT KENNEWICK IRRIGATION DISTRICT

The Kennewick Irrigation District will deliver irrigation water, protect water rights and enhance supply, as authorized by Washington State statutes and federal laws, for the maximum benefit of our community.

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