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## **Kennewick Irrigation District Announces Mandatory Watering Schedule**

**KENNEWICK, WA** - The Kennewick Irrigation District (KID) is implementing a **mandatory** watering schedule beginning July 7th that will last at least through the month of July. While the district currently operates on a voluntary schedule, worsening drought conditions necessitates this change to ensure continued water availability for all customers throughout the remainder of the irrigation season (*schedule on next page*).

### **Why a Watering Schedule Matters:**

During low water years, like this one, canals carry less water. If everyone waters their lawns simultaneously, typically in the morning, it creates a surge in demand that can quickly deplete canal levels. This drop in pressure can lead to individuals watering for longer periods to compensate, further straining the system.

### **A Spread-Out Approach for Efficient Water Use:**

A mandatory watering schedule, spread throughout the day or evening, helps maintain consistent water pressure in the canals. This ensures everyone has access to adequate water for their lawns and gardens.

### **Important Information for Customers:**

- **Drip irrigation systems and hose watering are not affected by the mandatory schedule and are encouraged.**
- Customers can find detailed information and a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section on our website at [kid.org](http://kid.org).
- If customers have questions, they can contact our Customer Service Department at 509.586.9111.

### **Understanding Our Water Source:**

KID acknowledges the seriousness of this situation. It's important to understand that the amount of water available to us is determined by the Bureau of Reclamation, not a choice we make locally. Unlike some nearby districts with senior water rights or access to the Columbia River, KID is primarily a junior water rights holder and relies on water from the drought-prone Yakima River.

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**Stay Informed Throughout the Summer:**

KID will continue to provide updates as the water situation evolves. We appreciate your cooperation in reducing water usage to ensure a reliable water supply for all our customers.

**Watering schedule is based off 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.*

<u>Days of the Week</u>	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
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

**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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