

## Making Our Jobs Easier/Helping You

■The District can accept debit or credit card payments by phone and/or in the office (unless your service has been disconnected) and you may choose to pay by authorizing a debit entry to a checking or savings account each month. A Debit Authorization form can be obtained from the District Office.

■The District Office needs your current phone and contact information.

■Please call Missouri One Call, Inc. before you dig. 1-800-344-7483 (1-800-DIG-RITE) Missouri Law requires at least two full working days and not more than 10 days advance notice of excavation activities except for emergencies.

■Please keep the area around your meter free of weeds, brush and debris.

■Keeping the lid secure on the meter pit is important. Rodents can enter the pit and cause damage.

### Your Bill Provides Important Info

Your monthly bill provides important information about your account. The top line indicates the present meter reading, previous meter reading, the amount of water used and the amount of your present bill. The second line indicates the monthly primacy fee, a charge required by DNR as a testing fee. Line three indicates the Domestic Utility Tax while additional lines on the bill indicate fees that are Due Now, Charges for Late Payment and PAST DUE water use amounts. PAST DUE amounts on your water bill are due immediately. You do not have until the due date on the bill to pay the PAST DUE amount. Disconnection of water service for unpaid PAST DUE amounts will be the first of each month. **No late notice will be sent.**

Please also pay attention to the note that is included which gives information about your water service. Examples have been, "Please do not mow over the water meter, Bank draft payment coming soon, Our web site is [www.adaircountypwsd1.com](http://www.adaircountypwsd1.com), Please keep your meter accessible, Protect the meter from winter weather and Happy Holidays."

## Completed and Planned

*Our part of the revised Highway 63 By-Pass Project relocation is finished. Our new computer software package is complete. We have established more convenient ways for bill payment.*

*We continue our major goal which is to serve you, our most important asset.*



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*“All day I face the barren waste . . . Without the taste of water, cool water . . .”*

## **Water - Past, Present and Future**

Water is truly important to each of us. Here are some quick facts:

### **Did you know?**

- Between 1950 and 1980 there was a steady increase in water use in the United States. During this time, the expectation was that as population increased, so would water use. Contrary to expectation, reported water withdrawals declined in 1985 and have remained relatively stable since then in spite of a steady increase in United States population. Changes in technology, in State and Federal laws, and in economic factors, along with increased awareness of the need for water conservation, have resulted in more efficient use of the water from the Nation's rivers, lakes, reservoirs, and aquifers.
- In 2005 estimates of water use in the United States indicate that about 410 billion gallons per day were withdrawn. This total is slightly less than the estimate for 2000, and about 5 percent less than total withdrawals in the peak year of 1980.

from [http://www.nationalatlas.gov/articles/water/a\\_wateruse.html](http://www.nationalatlas.gov/articles/water/a_wateruse.html)

### **So, how do we use water and how can we conserve?**

Americans use large quantities of water inside their homes. The average family of four can use 400 gallons of water every day, and, on average, approximately 70 percent of that water is used indoors.

The bathroom is the largest consumer of indoor water. The toilet alone can use 27 percent of household water.

Almost every activity or daily routine that happens in the home bathroom uses a large quantity of water.

For example:

- Older toilets use between 3.5 and 7 gallons of water per flush. However, WaterSense labeled toilets require 75 to 80 percent less water.
- A leaky toilet can waste about 200 gallons of water every day.
- A bathroom faucet generally runs at 2 gallons of water per minute. By turning off the tap while brushing your teeth or shaving, a person can save more than 200 gallons of water per month.

Outside the bathroom, there are many opportunities to save water. Here are some common water efficiency measures, along with a few solutions to those problems you may not have known existed:

- High-efficiency washing machines can conserve large amounts of water. Traditional models use between 27 and 54 gallons of water per load, but new, energy- and water-conserving models (front-loading or top-loading, non-agitator ones) use less than 27 gallons per load.
- Washing the dishes with an open tap can use up to 20 gallons of water, but filling the sink or a bowl and closing the tap saves 10 of those gallons.
- Keeping a pitcher of water in the refrigerator saves time and water instead of running the tap until it gets cold.
- Not rinsing dishes prior to loading the dishwasher could save up to 10 gallons per load.

from <http://www.epa.gov/WaterSense/pubs/indoor.html>

## **About Your Water District**

It remains evident that high quality water is important to each of our customers. We are fortunate to be able to

have at our fingertips water from the City of Kirksville and from the Consolidated Public Water Supply District of Schuyler County for each of our nearly 3,000 connections. We purchase monthly between 15 and 25 million gallons from these two sources.

The quality of our water is reported yearly through the Consumer Confidence Reports from our two suppliers and that information is available in the *Kirksville Daily Express*, on our web site, shown on the front of this brochure and by request at the District Office.

It is interesting to note that throughout the history of the ACPWSD#1 our rates have maintained their affordability in relationship to other utilities and expenses of living. Here are some facts about water in Adair County. Your District:

- in January, 1974 had 3 master meters.
- in January, 2011 has 9 master meters.
- in January, 1974 had 614 customers and we bought 2,533,100 gallons of water from the City of Kirksville.
- in January, 2011 has 2971 customers and we bought 15,038,246 gallons of water from the City of Kirksville.
- in 1974 purchased approximately 36,313,000 gallons of water.
- in 2010 purchased 229,378,056 gallons of water.

ACPWSD#1 consumers:

- in January, 1974 paid \$5.50 for the 1<sup>st</sup> 1,000 gallons, \$3.75 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 1,000 gallons, \$3.00 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> 1,000 gallons and \$1.50 for the 4<sup>th</sup> 1,000 gallons. (5,000 gallons cost \$15.73 and a gallon of gasoline was \$.53.)
- in January, 2011 pay \$14.33 for the 1<sup>st</sup> 1,000 gallons, \$10.10 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 1,000 gallons, \$8.14 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> 1,000 gallons and \$4.43 for the 4<sup>th</sup> 1,000 gallons. (5,000 gallons cost \$41.84. and a gallon of gasoline was \$2.87.)