



City of Kuna

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Kuna Releases Irrigation Water Release Dates for 2018

The City of Kuna will begin its irrigation season by filling the pressurized system the week of April 16, 2018. Irrigation is not anticipated to be at full pressure and completely operational until the first week of May 2018.

The Boise Project Board of Control serves nearly 167,000 acres. During the next several days, starting on April 2, 2018, the Project will activate over 460 canals and laterals in Ada and Canyon Counties. Irrigation service will begin as soon as canals have risen to allowable elevations. It could take up to two weeks before the water is available for pump operations due to charging and flushing the systems.

City of Kuna irrigation customers should have irrigation water at full pressure and completely operational by first week in May after crews have tested lines, flushed the system and brought ditch pumps on line.

As crews find problems with water lines, they shut them down for repairs which can result in customers having water one day and not the next, so patience is requested.

If you notice a leak, please call 208-573-7676. This is a 24-hour a day phone number. Due to the volume of calls, if you get our voice mail please leave a message. We will call you back as soon as possible.

All Kuna residents are asked to check the programming of their sprinkler control box to assure they are not unknowingly over-watering. Those who need help setting a sprinkler control box should contact a lawn care professional. Residents are also strongly encouraged to install their own shut off valve to control sprinkler lines and not to operate the city valve as this is for emergency use only.

New Kuna residents may not understand how an irrigation system works. The City of Kuna has six pressurized irrigation pump stations; three of the facilities have ponds that store irrigation water to help manage flow at peak use times. The City generally starts the pressurized irrigation system in mid-to-late April depending on when the Boise Project Board of Control and either the Boise~Kuna Irrigation District or New York Irrigation District allow us to take delivery of the water. The crews start to fill the lines with low pressure water so we can find and fix breaks before the system reaches full pressure. The first couple of weeks of this process are the hardest because of the possibility of potential breaks in the main lines and service connections.

We understand that the citizens want their irrigation water as soon as possible so we make every effort to provide them with their irrigation water as quickly as we can. The length of the irrigation season is dependent on water in the reservoirs and canals.

If you have any questions, please contact Tim Page, Project Manager for the Boise Project Board of Controls at (208) 344-1141. For more information on the irrigation season, irrigation assessment or wise water use please visit our website at <https://kunacity.id.gov/index.aspx?NID=125>.

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