

## News Release Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District

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## FIRST PAYMENT DATE NEARS FOR 2009 NMID IRRIGATION DISTRICT TAXES

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December 21 is the first payment date for 2009 irrigation district tax assessments from the Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District, NMID officials announced today. The annual tax assessment can be paid in full or in two parts; however, the first payment <u>must</u> be received or postmarked by Monday, December 21.

Normally, the payment deadline is December 20, but that is a Sunday so NMID extended the deadline to Monday, December 21. Irrigation District tax notices were mailed to more than 37,000 Treasure Valley residents in October.

Idaho law requires that tax liens be filed each year against the property if the assessments are not paid by June 20 of the following year. The District is currently moving forward with tax deed action against 94 properties for which tax levies have gone unpaid for three years. Tax deed action can eventually lead to property being sold at a tax auction if the owner refuses to pay the assessments.

Property owners who owe tax assessments from previous years will find their past due tax assessment information included in this year's notice. A list of individuals owing back taxes will be available on the District's Internet web site in January.

NMID also wants property owners to provide name and address changes to the District when they either purchase or sell land inside NMID boundaries. Appropriate changes can then be made to the District's records for ownership and mail delivery purposes. That helps ensure the correct person receives their annual tax notices rather than the current property owner unknowingly falling into arrears on their NMID taxes.

People with questions about their assessment payment or the Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District should call the District office at 466-7861. More information about the District is available at its internet web site: **www.nmid.org**.

Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District is a water storage, conveyance and distribution system that supplies irrigation water to some 69,000 acres of farms, lawns and gardens in Canyon and Ada Counties plus pressurized urban irrigation to approximately 15,000 individual parcels of land. The District has served the Treasure Valley since 1904.