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Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District

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FIRST PAYMENT DUE DECEMBER 20 FOR NAMPA & MERIDIAN 2018 IRRIGATION TAXES

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Officials with Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District, the valley's largest irrigation district, are alerting more than 41,000 Treasure Valley property owners with property inside the District's boundaries that payments for 2018 irrigation taxes are due on December 20.

Property owners have the option of paying the taxes in full or in two parts, but at least the first-half payment of the 2018 assessment <u>must</u> be hand delivered or postmarked by December 20. Second-half payments must be made by June 20, 2019 for residents who choose to make two payments.

Property owners can also pay online by using NMID's secure online bill payment option on the District website at **www.nmid.org**, and selecting the "Online Payments" tab at the top left side of the website page. Online payments must be made prior to midnight December 19 rather than December 20, NMID officials said.

If the tax bill is not paid on time, then a 2 percent penalty and interest at an annual rate of 12 percent will be added to their 2018 tax bill.

Idaho law requires that tax liens be filed each year against the property if the assessments are not paid in full by June 20 of the following year. The District is currently moving forward with tax deed action against properties in Ada and Canyon counties 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, officials cautioned.

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 website in January.

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 also available at its website: **www.nmid.org**.