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Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District

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IRRIGATION DISTRICT TAX PAYMENTS DUE BY JUNE 20

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Treasure Valley residents with property inside the Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District must make full payment of their 2016 irrigation taxes by June 20th to avoid triggering legal action that could result in a lien being established against the property, NMID officials cautioned today.

Not paying the taxes will result in the property being listed as delinquent. That triggers a mandatory process that first requires that a lien be established against the property. Then, if the tax bill remains unpaid for three years, the law requires that tax deed action be taken against the property. That can potentially result in the property being sold at auction to satisfy the back taxes, according to Daren Coon, NMID Secretary Treasurer.

Property owners can also pay on line by using NMID's secure online bill payment option on the District website – www.nmid.org. However, online payments must be made prior to 5 p.m. on June 20 and only a second half 2016 payment can be made, 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 the 2016 tax bill.

Idaho law gives people who own property inside the NMID boundaries the choice of either paying the tax assessment in full or in two payments – December and June. June 20th is the second half payment deadline for those residents who chose to make two payments or who made no payment at all.

The District mailed irrigation tax assessment notices to more than 37, 000 property owners last October, Coon added. He also stressed that individuals who own property inside the District but who did not receive a tax levy notice should contact the District right away at 466-7861.

Residents can also check to see whether they are delinquent on their NMID tax assessments by visiting the District's web site: www.nmid.org. The web site contains a listing of property owners and a legal description of the parcel of land that are delinquent more than one full year in paying their NMID taxes.

The taxes pay for operation and maintenance of the canals, laterals, drains and dams that make up the District's water delivery system. Levies also are assessed against individual subdivision parcels using pressurized irrigation systems in subdivisions around the valley.

People with questions about their assessment payment or the Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District should call the District office at 466-7861.

The Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District is a water storage, conveyance and distribution system founded in 1904. The District supplies irrigation water to some 69,000 acres of farmland, residential and commercial lands including pressurized irrigation for more than 16,000 individual parcels of land in Ada and Canyon counties.