



## News Release

### Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District

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#### **NAMPA & MERIDIAN IRRIGATION DISTRICT TO FILL CANALS APRIL 5, 2023;**

#### **Reminder for Canal Safety**

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Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District (NMID) will begin filling its canals on April 5<sup>th</sup> and anticipates making deliveries no earlier than April 17<sup>th</sup>.

District water managers are very excited to see the change in the weather patterns that have brought the abundant moisture to our water supply basin. We are very hopeful that the wet spring and still growing snow pack will provide ample water supplies for our patrons for 2023. The drought conditions we experienced the last 2 years lead to somewhat shortened water seasons. Hopefully we can turn this pattern around in 2023.

The NMID Board of Directors decided on the 2023 irrigation season start up date at their March 21, 2023 meeting. Water will start down the head of the Ridenbaugh Canal from the Boise River near Barber Park at 3:00 a.m. on April 5<sup>th</sup>. It will take several days to fill the entire system and check for leaks. The expected date for making deliveries is April 17<sup>th</sup>. We will also begin charging up the pressurized irrigation systems that we own and operate beginning on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Residents need to have their systems ready to receive water.

Water levels in the District's canals will change daily. NMID officials warn that irrigation season is the start of a very dangerous period for children and adults. Canal water is very cold and currents are fast, creating dangerous conditions. Keep children away from canals. Recreation in canals is forbidden. NMID canals are private property, so playing in a canal or along its banks is trespassing under Idaho law.

NMID asks residents along irrigation facilities to keep the rights of way open and not obstruct these areas with items such as landscaping materials, vehicles, fences, and patio equipment. Keeping the rights of way open will greatly aid in bringing the water in the system in a timely manner.

NMID supplies pressurized irrigation water to more than 17,000 individual parcels of land, including 479 subdivisions in Ada and Canyon counties.

People who live in Nampa should check with the City of Nampa Water Works Division at (208)468-5860 if they have questions about pressurized irrigation delivery in their service area. Now is also a good time to remind everyone to hold their Lateral Ditch Users Association meetings to set up rotation schedules and elect their Watermasters for the 2023 season.

NMID delivers irrigation water to approximately 69,000 acres of Treasure Valley agricultural and residential lands in Ada and Canyon Counties. 2023 marks the 119<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of water deliveries to the Treasure Valley by the irrigation district.

For more information about the District call (208) 466-7861. Information is also available on its Internet website: [www.nmid.org](http://www.nmid.org).