

With the increase in temperatures NMID is receiving many questions regarding low pressure in District operated pressure urban irrigation systems. Most low pressure problems can be attributed to overuseage during peak watering times (8:00 pm to 8:00 am) or a clogged filter utilized on the water users sprinkler system.

It is important to remember the pressure systems are designed to deliver only a set amount of water dictated by the water right assigned to the property served by the pump system. It is necessary for some water users to utilize the system at high noon and at all other times during daytime and not just late night or early morning. Please think of it this way... farmers utilize the irrigation water daytime and nighttime and they don't stop watering during the middle of the day.

The District recommends the Home Owners Association discuss watering schedules with their homeowner members to help address overuseage (demand) on the system by implementing an odd/even watering schedule.

Many homeowners have a filter installed in their sprinkler system and the filter will need to be checked from time to time to insure that it is not causing a restriction and reducing pressure in the sprinkler system. The District recommends a 2" filter housing with a 32 mesh screen which can be purchase at most irrigation supply warehouses. By using a 2" filter housing and reducing it down it helps increase the time duration between cleaning the filter.

For more detail please visit this link.

http://www.nmid.org/PDF/_PUIS%20Information%20-%20updated%2004-10-2013.pdf

Thank you for your patience in dealing with this demand issue brought on by high summer temperatures.