



# News Release

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### **IRRIGATION CANAL FLOWS TO END OCTOBER 6**

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Boise River water flows to more than 500 miles of the Ridenbaugh and lateral canals will be shut off on Thursday (Oct. 6) of next week, water managers with the Treasure Valley's largest irrigation district announced today.

For the Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District, the water cut off marks the end of the 2011 surface water irrigation season for the 69,000 acres of farmland and 341 residential subdivisions in the valley with pressurized urban irrigation systems served by the District.

It could be two days before canal levels begin to drop in the furthest reaches of the NMID system. The entire system should be nearly empty in three to four days after the water is shut at the District's river diversion facility located at the start of the Ridenbaugh Canal near Barber Park. The District will then launch its annual canal maintenance and repair program.

The water cutoff means residential water users with pressurized urban irrigation systems managed by the District will need to switch to another water source such as a municipal system if they want to continue to irrigate lawns and landscaping.

The District has been able to essentially provide full irrigation supplies since canal flows began last April, according to Daren Coon, NMID Secretary Treasurer.

The end of Boise River irrigation water deliveries by the District comes within a day of last year. Water was turned off Oct. 7 in 2009.

There is also potential good news regarding next year. Nampa & Meridian ended the irrigation with some water left in storage in Boise River reservoirs as carryover for the 2012 irrigation season, but it will be some time until the actual amount of carryover water is calculated. The carryover water comes primarily because of an abundant winter snowpack, cool weather that lasted well into the spring and water conservation efforts by both the District and its water users.

Whatever carryover there is will go towards next year's irrigation. Carryover water helps the District cope with irrigation demands when snowpack levels are below normal.

Since 1904 NMID has delivered water via its canals and pressurized irrigation systems to farmers, homes and commercial properties in Ada and Canyon country. For more information contact the District Office at 466-7861 or visit the District's web site at: [www.nmid.org](http://www.nmid.org)

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