

# HUTCHINSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT #16

## Spring 2026 Newsletter

### MISSION STATEMENT:

The District's mission is to provide its patrons with safe, great tasting water and to be stewards of their trade.

**BOARD MEETINGS** are held on the 2nd Monday of every month. Call 509-926-4634 to verify the time and date if you would like to attend. Your participation is welcome.

The office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Our website is: [www.hutchinsonid16.org](http://www.hutchinsonid16.org)

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Sonya Rieger, Chair  
David Heitstuman, Co-Chair  
Jeff Grunert, Board Member  
Anissa Goodwin, Board Member  
William Wallace, Board Member

### STAFF:

Nathaniel Kennicutt, Superintendent  
Jason Bowman, Assistant Superintendent  
Dalton Heilbrun, Operator in Training  
Juleen Vogelman, Secretary



### WATER EFFICIENCY GOALS

The District adopted a new Water Use Efficiency (WUE) goal in 2025 to reduce overall water production by 3% during the summer months over the next six years. In support of this goal, the District invites customers to participate in a voluntary lawn-watering schedule during the summer months. Customers are encouraged to complete outdoor watering before **10:00 a.m.** Watering in the morning helps reduce evaporation, allows lawns to make better use of the water applied, and helps keep the District's reservoir at more consistent levels during the hottest part of the day.

To help reduce peak demand on the water system, customers are encouraged to water lawns on the following schedule:

Even-numbered addresses	Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
Odd-numbered addresses	Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday

This voluntary schedule applies to lawn watering only. Flowers, gardens, trees, and other landscaping may still be watered as needed.

Additional conservation tips are available at

[www.spokaneaquifer.org/hutchinson-irrigation-district-16](http://www.spokaneaquifer.org/hutchinson-irrigation-district-16)

### CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORTS (CCR)

The District's annual Consumer Confidence Report, also known as the water quality report, is available to customers. This report includes information about the District's drinking water sources, water quality testing, and compliance with drinking water standards. Customers may view the report at [www.spokaneaquifer.org/hutchinson-irrigation-district-16](http://www.spokaneaquifer.org/hutchinson-irrigation-district-16) or request a paper copy by contacting the District at [service@hutchinsonid16.org](mailto:service@hutchinsonid16.org).

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***All irrigation systems are required to have an approved backflow device and to be tested annually. WAC 246-290***

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If you are uncertain about any requirement or have questions, please contact our office and we will schedule a site visit as needed. The district goes out to bid every two years to secure the best pricing from a qualified **Backflow Assembly Tester (B.A.T.)** and will place you on a routine schedule to ensure all testing is completed by **June 15, 2026**. For the **2026–2027 testing season**, the district has contracted with **Ray at HRC Affordable Backflow Testing**. The rate is **\$40.00** for the initial scheduled test, and this charge will be assessed with your annual water billing. If you prefer to use your own certified tester, please contact the office to inform us. If you would like to be added to the District's backflow testing program, we are happy to assist with that as well.



## LEAKS

The District is working hard to find and repair any and all water leaks. We will be doing additional leak detection during irrigation season this year. If we notice high usage reads, we will address them. We will mail out notices as well as knocking on doors to help combat potential higher than average water charges.

## WATER RATES

### 2026 Water Rates for Hutchinson Irrigation District #16

Monthly Base Rate: \$34.56 x 12 months = \$414.72 annually

Water charge is \$1.10/1000 gallons

### Examples:

Duplexes are two dwellings, therefore \$829.44 base rate charge, four plex would be \$1652.88.

Apartment complexes are commercial and therefore each meter gets a base charge of \$414.72, in addition every unit gets  $\frac{1}{4}$  base charge \$103.68.

Trailer parks are also under a commercial billing platform.

There is an additional \$6.00 per month or \$72.00 annual charge for capital improvements.

### Contact us at:

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