



Water Rate Increase Proposed (Date of last rate increase – December 2019)

The City of Burley is proposing residential and commercial high pressure water rate increases from \$25.37 to \$25.88 for the first 3,000 gallons of water used monthly and from \$1.23 to \$1.26 per 1,000 gallons of water used after the first 3,000 gallons each month. For a typical residential and/or small commercial water user, the increase would be about \$0.50-0.80 per month in the winter and about \$1.30-\$3.15 per month in the summer months for those who irrigate with high pressure water.

The City of Burley is proposing a low-pressure irrigation water rate increase from \$0.01448 to \$0.01506 per square foot of property annually. For a typical 50' x 125' city lot the increase would be \$3.63 annually.

The City of Burley is proposing a Burley Heyburn Industrial Park process water increase from \$0.93 to \$0.97 per 1,000 gallons of water used. For a small to large industry the increase would be about \$160-600 monthly.

The City Council will be discussing these proposed rate increases during their October 18, 2022, City Council meeting. Comments, about the proposed rate increase, can be mailed to the City of Burley, can be emailed to breiter@burleyidaho.org, or can be made in person at the City Council meeting.

WINTER



It is important that water meter boxes are well insulated and have lids that are closed correctly to prevent cold, winter air from entering the box. Please contact the water department at (208) 878-2103 if you notice any water meter boxes with lids that are not fitting correctly or with lids that have been moved out of place. We would like to repair these items soon to help ensure that we can keep your water service flowing all winter long.

Don't Let Your Pipes Freeze!

Upcoming winter months may bring with them some very cold temperatures. Past experience has shown us that extended periods of no water usage combined with freezing daytime temperatures often leads to frozen water service lines. Oftentimes, we learn of frozen water services in homes after a winter vacation or in a business after a cold, winter weekend. Additionally, periods of no water usage during the holidays can often lead to frozen water service lines. The American Red Cross lists the following five preventative action items to take during cold weather for preventing frozen pipes:

- 1) Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the garage.
- 2) Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Be sure to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals up out of the reach of children.
- 3) When the weather is very cold outside, let the cold water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe - even at a trickle - helps prevent pipes from freezing.
- 4) Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night. By temporarily suspending the use of lower nighttime temperatures, you may incur a higher heating bill, but you can prevent a much more costly repair job if pipes freeze and burst.
- 5) If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55° F.

Please call the water department at (208) 878-2103 if you experience frozen pipes or have any questions.

Occasionally, we attempt to contact a customer, to notify them about a leak or emergency, and find that we don't have current contact information. Please contact City Hall, at (208) 878-2224, or the Water Department, at (208) 878-2103, if you'd like to update your contact information in the City records.

LOW PRESSURE IRRIGATION UPDATE

The low-pressure irrigation water will be shutoff for the year on Monday, October 17th. Please open all hose bibs after the system is shut down to help drain the system, which will help protect your services and the City's mainlines from freeze related damage this winter.

