



At the Tap!

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EMERGENCIES — *Are you prepared?*

In the event of an emergency, would you know how or where to safely shut off the electricity, natural gas, or water supplying your home? When it comes to electricity or natural gas OID recommends you contact your supplier for further details. When it comes to your water supply OID would like to provide you with the following:

- ◆ Water can usually be shut off by closing the main valve located on the outside of your home at the point where the water pipe enters the house. If the valve is damaged or inoperable then,
- ◆ Water can be shut off by closing the gate valve located at your service connection. The service connection is the point where you connect to the water system supplying your home. It is also the location of your water meter for those who are so equipped. It is usually located at the property line just behind the sidewalk, the lid on the box is marked "WATER". The exact location of the service connection may vary. It is recommended that you familiarize yourself with the location of your service connection prior to an emergency.
- ◆ Some homes are required to have a backflow prevention assembly. The assembly contains two (2) shut off valves, either of which can be used to shut off the water. These valves are located at the inlet and outlet of the assembly. Backflow assemblies are usually installed by the service connection.
- ◆ The final means of shutting off the water to your property is to shut off the curb stop angle valve which is also located at your service connection. This is a special quarter turn valve that requires a special wrench to operate. You should **NOT** attempt to operate this valve, please contact OID for assistance if this is required.

Please contact OID for additional information or if you require assistance in locating your service connection, (209) 847-0341, extension 210.

New Neighbors

Construction is still in progress on the Hillsborough Estates Subdivisions located at the north end of Fox Borough Drive and Dillwood Road. The Hillsborough project is actually the accumulation of four (4) separate subdivisions all being constructed simultaneously. As a result, there will be approximately 95 new single family home sites. Once completed the new subdivisions will become part of OID's Rural Water System.



Are You in an Improvement District?

From which system do I receive my water? This is a common question asked by OID customers. **Improvement District No. 22's** service area covers Twildo Avenue, Seaman Drive, and a portion of Stearns Road. **Improvement District No. 41's** service area covers Tioga Avenue. **Improvement District No. 45's** service area covers Pinehurst Drive, Kerstan Court, and a portion of Oakhurst Drive. **Improvement District No. 46's** service area covers a portion of Dillwood Road, White Oak Lane, Scarlet Oak Drive, Black Oak Court, Valley Oak Drive, Silk Oak Circle, Cork Oak Circle, and River Oak Cir-

cle. **Improvement District No. 49's** service area covers the east end of Oakhurst Drive. **Improvement District No. 51's** service area covers Mountain Oak Road, Mountain Oak Court, Big Oak Court, Blue Oak Drive, Silver Oak Road, Silver Oak Court, Pin Oak Drive, Oak Hill Drive, Oak Knoll Avenue, Wild Oak Court, and a portion of Wild Oak Drive. **Improvement District No. 52's** service area covers Deo Gloria Drive, Plaza De Oro Drive, Plaza De Oro Court, Tepopa Drive, La Posada Drive, Allende Lane, and a portion of Del Almendra Drive.

System Ownership

OID's Rural Water Systems are owned and operated by OID. The water users within these systems pay a metered rate for their water use. **Improvement Districts (IDs)** are owned by the landowners within the boundaries of the water system. OID acts as Trustee for these systems ensuring the system operates in compliance with their State issued water supply permit. As part owner of the water system each member is responsible for the costs incurred in the normal operation and maintenance of the water system plus any capital costs such as well, pump, or distribution system replacements. These costs can vary greatly from year-to-year and special billings may be necessary to collect additional funds in the event of equipment failure. IDs No. 49, 51 & 52 have established a **Capital Reserve Fund** to set aside monies to help eliminate or lower these future additional costs.



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Reminders

Underground Service Alert

Please remember to contact the Underground Service Alert (USA) at (800) 227-2600 before doing any digging. Your call can help prevent damage to the District's pipelines or facilities and possibly prevent any disruption in water service.

Encroachments on OID Facilities

Encroachment violations, such as pools, patios, fences, gates, and sheds, have severely limited OID from performing essential duties. In addition, these violations have caused significant safety concerns. Please remember to contact OID for approval before building or placing items on or near OID facilities.

New Land Owners

Become Familiar with Your System. If you have recently purchased property within one of the domestic water systems under OID's operation, we encourage you to contact us and schedule a consultation. The consultation is intended to familiarize you with your particular water system and any responsibilities or obligations you may have as a member of that system. Consultations are available Monday through Friday from 8-3 (Holidays excluded).

Scheduling Appointments

To schedule a consultation please call Bob Nielsen, OID's Water Utilities Department Supervisor at (209) 847-0341, extension 210.

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Finance

OID's Rural Water System Customers are billed monthly for their water use.

OID's Improvement District Customers are billed annually. Bills were sent out the first of November, payable in two installments. **The first payment was due December 20, 2005 and the second will be due June 20, 2006.** All delinquent accounts remaining as of July 31, 2006 will be sent to the County and added to the property tax rolls for collection. All payments after July 31 will need to be made to the county.

OID offers several bill payment options.

1. By mail
2. In person
3. Payment drop box (located inside OID's office at 1205 East F Street, Oakdale)
4. Over-the-counter VISA or MasterCard charge payment