

## Pressurized Irrigation Water Schedule

Residents and business owners in Payson City. We are in a drought throughout the State of Utah and as such we need everyone to water on the three day watering schedule.

- If your address ends in an odd number you water on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
- If your address ends in an even number you water on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.
- No one should water on Sunday as to allow the system time to recover and allow the ponds to refill for the rest of the week.
- The large users need to water during the day to prevent this issue.
- Residents are asked to refrain from watering between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

The PI system cannot handle everyone watering at the same time and when everyone does this causes a pressure drop and affects everyone. If we all water when we are supposed to there should not be problems. With everyone's help there should be adequate pressure and water available for everyone, but if we do not follow this we will continue to have problems.

### History of the PI system in Payson City

In 1991 and 1992 the pressurized irrigation system was installed to all of the existing homes and businesses in Payson City. The system was built to handle the population of the time and worked great. Fast forward almost 30 years and we have more than doubled the population of Payson City and the system has gotten much larger. As more and more people water we need to remember that water is a finite resource and we are only allocated so much water per resident or business and when someone waters everyday they are taking water from their neighbor. This can and will cause a shortage if not managed and that is why the State of Utah and Payson City have chosen to install meters on the pressurized irrigation system. The meters are not a punishment but a way to encourage conservation and make sure that not only is there enough water today for all of those that use it but also for your children and grand-children that will grow up and also use the water here in Payson.

Payson City gets about 75% to 80% of the water used in the pressure irrigation system from Strawberry Reservoir delivered through the Highline Canal. The other 20% to 25% comes from the lakes in Payson Canyon. In the next five years we will also have water from a new 60" pipeline, that will be installed over the next two years, from the Central Utah Water Conservancy District. This will increase the available amount of water for the system but not the delivery system, which is the pipe network. Payson City has made some improvements to the pipe network and will continue to do so but this will take time and money and will be done as fiscally responsible as can be done to lesson the impact on all those who live and work here in our great City.

Using the water wisely will allow all of us to have great looking yards and landscaped areas for all to enjoy and also preserve the precious resource of water for all of us in the present and future.