

VALE OREGON IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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SPRINKLING ROADWAYS

Oregon Law requires that no one irrigate lands without a water right. This includes: County Roads, highways, driveways, service roads, ditch banks, drains, laterals or any other lands without a water right certificate. [Irrigation of roadways will be subject to a fine via Malheur County Road Dept. and Malheur County Court.](#)

ORS 537.110, 130(2), 990(2) person who willfully diverts or uses water to the detriment of others without compliance with law shall be punished.

2021 ASSEMENTS

O&M	\$39.40/a
Construction Charges	\$2.58/a
Account Fee	\$90.00

Accounts must be paid by April 10, 2021

Delinquent accounts are subject to an interest penalty of 12% per annum

APPLICATION OF HERBICIDES

The Vale Oregon Irrigation District is hereby notifying it's patrons and the public of their intent to possibly use herbicides. This is for the control of moss in the canals and laterals. Treatment areas may consist of any laterals, canals or ditches maintained by VOID. Expected time frame for treatment is intermittently between May 1 thru October 15. Treatment information may be obtained by calling the VOID office at 541-473-3243. If you would like your water delivery stopped during treatment time, provide the office with a written letter stating your request.

RRA FORMS

[Landowners owning or leasing a combination of more than 240 acres of land in total, your RRA Forms and lease contracts are due before you receive ANY irrigation water. Please come into the office to review and sign your form.](#)

The Reclamation Reform Act (RRA) and implementing regulations place limitations on the amount of owned and/or leased lands that may be irrigated with water from Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) projects. The RRA law requires every individual or entity that owns and/or leases over 240 acres of irrigation land within Reclamation projects, to annually report their landholdings and other information on Reclamation certification forms. A landholding in one district added to a land holding in another district may total more than 240 acres and would require the filing of RRA forms. Form requirements apply to individuals; married couples and their dependents; legal entities such as partnerships, corporations, trusts, lending institutions; joint tenancies, tenancies-in-common, etc; religious and charitable organizations and governmental agencies. Those who meet this acreage limitation must complete RRA forms before the district is permitted by federal law to deliver water to the farm. [If ownership has changed from last year, such as the establishment of a trust or estate, please contact the office for further instructions.](#) It is imperative that these forms are completed correctly, to avoid any penalties which the Bureau may assess during their audit of district records. Additional information can be found at the BOR website: www.usbr.gov/rra.

LEASED PROPERTIES

A Temporary Water Allotment Transfer Agreement between landowner and lessee **must** be completed and submitted to the Vale Irrigation District Office no later than **June 15, 2021**. The form must have all parties signatures. This form will allow us to move water between the two properties.

FIVE YEARS NON-USE

Whenever land within the legal boundaries of an Irrigation District is no longer irrigated or capable of being irrigated, the district may apply the certificated water to which such land is entitled, to other irrigable lands within the legal boundaries of the district. For example, if a water user has not made **beneficial use** of the water to which the user is entitled for a period of four successive years, the district shall advise the user and/or security holder that if the user does not use the water for a fifth successive year, the district may petition the Water Resources Commission for a transfer of the water right under ORS 540.574. [If you are unable to apply/use water within a five year period, please contact the District Office, as there are options available to keep your water rights.](#)

WATER ORDERS

VERY IMPORTANT— Water will **NOT** be delivered to patrons without a water card completed properly and turned into the card cans. Water orders will **NOT** be accepted by text or phone call. Reminder, each ride has a minimum waiting period to allow water to reach your area, see below:

	Order Day											
	Sat	Days Out	Mon	Days Out	Tues	Days Out	Wed	Days Out	Thurs	Days Out	Fri	Days Out
Reservoirs	Sat (730 am)		Mon (730 am)		Tues (730 am)		Wed (730 am)		Thurs (730 am)		Fri (730 am)	
NAMORF	Sun (2ish am)		Tues (2ish am)		Wed (2ish am)		Thurs (2ish am)		Fri (2ish am)		Sat (2ish am)	
Ride 1 (2 Day Wait)	Monday	3	Tuesday	2	Wednesday	2	Thursday	2	Friday	2	Saturday	2
Ride 2 (2 Day Wait)	Monday	3	Tuesday	2	Wednesday	2	Thursday	2	Friday	2	Saturday	2
Ride 2 BC (same day)	Saturday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Ride 3 (3 Day Wait)	Monday	3	Wednesday	3	Thursday	3	Friday	3	Saturday	3	Monday	4
Ride 4 (4 Day Wait)	Tuesday	4	Thursday	4	Friday	4	Saturday	4	Monday	5	Monday	4

If water is available prior to the minimum waiting period, the ditchrider will contact you.

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** to ensure you complete your water cards correctly. The District has three new ditchriders and it's very important water order cards are completed correctly to ensure you receive your water. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your ditchrider or the office.

1. T.O. Number = Headgate Number—If you do not know your headgate number, please contact your ditchrider to get the information. A description of the headgate location is not enough information. Must have the headgate number.
2. Owner & Signed by— Must be legible.
3. It would be great if a water order card is completed for each transaction i.e. On Order, Off Order, Change to Order
4. If available, when ordering flood water, be sure to utilize the flood water line.
5. White copy of water order belongs to patron and the manila color belongs to Ditchrider.

DITCHRIDERS AND CREW

Our current ditchriders are:

Ride 1 - Bryan Schwabauer	541-358-2104 home or 541-216-1390 cell
Ride 2 - Bobby Elam	208-812-2907
Ride 3 - Zach Marks	541-786-6115
Ride 4 - Johnny Harrison	541-709-0849

If you have any questions about your ride, feel free to call your ditchrider or the office. The crew includes: Mike Barlow, Blake Cleaver, Tracy Nunes and Brady Wolfe .

FORMS

The following information/forms are available by either contacting the office or going online at www.valeid.com: Bylaws & Policies, RRA Fact Sheet, Lease Contract and Temporary Water Allotment Transfer Agreement Form.

WEED BURNING CREW

The District maintenance and weed burning crews will soon begin their spring work. As stated in the By-Laws, the District will not be responsible for the damage or loss of gated pipe, equipment or any other material located on District rights-of-ways. Please take time to inspect this area now and remove anything you may have stored there.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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OFFICE STAFF

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