

Why does the irrigation season start off so slow?

Early season surface water irrigation deliveries are limited due to state regulated ramp-up processes. These processes protect the Deschutes River from sudden changes and allow COID's canal and ditches to stabilize.

The ramp up schedule is
Day 1 to April 30 - 50% flow
May 1 to May 15 - 75% flow
May 15 and forward 100% flow

There is water in the canal, where is my water?

If you can see water in the canal it is making its way to you.

COID has an extensive gravity-fed canal and ditch system. Many things such as elevation, distance, and canal or ditch conditions will affect water travel and arrival times. Avion has some surface water irrigation systems that are fed by storage ponds. Those can be quite large and take additional time to fill.

How is surface water irrigation measured?

Surface water irrigation is measured and delivered in gallons per minute (GPM) and does not have a specific pressure associated with it.

The GPM is determined by COID and the allocated acres for the tax-lot and is not a guarantee. Many conditions effect GPM including snow-pack, river flows, drought, and demand.



COID and Avion Surface Water Irrigation FAQ

What is Curtailment and why does it happen?

When curtailment occurs it means that the surface water irrigation is limited, causing deliveries to be adjusted. Causes of curtailment may include low river-flows, limited reservoir storage, drought, or regulatory requirements. Curtailment adjustments may include the reduction in delivery rates, rotational scheduling, or even an early season shutdown.

When and who to call?

For questions on billing, water delivery, and other general information inquiries you would call Avion at 541-382-5342 during normal business hours 7am - 4pm.

Calls for surface water irrigation field visits made outside of normal operating hours may be considered non-emergent and are subject to applicable field-related charges per Avion's current approved tariff.

More when and who to call

For beneficial use and water right questions you would call COID at 541-548-6047 during normal business hours of 7am - 4pm.

Emailing info@coid.org is always an option. It can sometimes be quicker and include more details.

Visit coid.org/notifications/ to sign up for text/email alerts to keep yourself informed of all things COID.

When can I water?

The rule of thumb is watering between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm is much less efficient due to higher evaporation rates. Between 5:00 am and 9:00 am and 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm system demand is higher which could impact your watering. If your property is within the Bend city limits Avion requests an odd/even watering schedule. Meaning odd numbered homes would water on odd days and even number homes would water on even days.



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