

Current Events



January Office Closures

WaterPro's office will be closed at the following times on these dates:

- ◇ Monday, January 2 —all day
- ◇ Monday, January 16 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day) — all day

Does Lower-than-Average Snowfall Mean a Water Shortage?

Utah is known for having the “greatest snow on earth,” but it can’t always be relied on. So far this winter, many areas of northern Utah have received only about half the normal amount of snow. Since most of the water we use in the state comes from snowfall, how will that affect the water outlook for 2012?



For WaterPro/Draper Irrigation, the picture is slightly different. Most of our mountain water supply comes from the mountains directly east of Draper, where snowfall

so far is scarce. The company has no large reservoirs, so if mountain water runs short, we will need to buy water from other

entities such as the Metropolitan Water District and Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District. This will mean that the company must pay higher costs to supply water to our customers. In addition, if mountain water is scarce, the company will have to rely more heavily on lower-quality water from Utah Lake later in the irrigation season.

Statewide, the picture looks good, according to Brian McInerney, a hydrologist with the National Weather Service in Salt Lake City. Reservoirs are nearly full and soil saturation is high, so he foresees a good water supply for the coming year.

Remember: Irrigation Rates Change in January

Rates for customers of our pressurized irrigation system will rise by 5% this month. Our last rate increase was more than 10 years ago, but unfortunately rising costs such as electricity, fuel, materials, and equipment have necessitated a change in the rates we charge our customers.

If you have any questions about your monthly bill under the new rates, please contact our office.



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Water Resolutions for 2012

Rather than resolving (again!) to get in shape or lose that last 10 pounds, why not make some water-related resolutions this year? We promise they'll be easier to keep!

Here are some suggestions:

Sign up for a free Water Check. These are available for residential, commercial, and institutional properties at absolutely no cost throughout Salt Lake County. Visit the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District website (jvwcd.org) and click Conservation Programs to learn how to have your irrigation system and landscape tested, and receive your free customized watering schedule.

Replace existing older shower heads with low-flow heads. The cost is relatively low, but the savings can be great.

Sign up for free landscaping classes to learn about water-saving ideas for a beautiful landscape.



Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District offers free classes from early spring to late fall; visit their website (jvwcd.org) for details. **Learn more about indoor water-saving tips.** Visit

slowtheflow.org for ideas on how to cut water usage inside your home.

WaterPro History Corner: Final Winner!

To wrap up our celebration of the centennial of our culinary water service, last month we asked our final history question:

As you know, Draper Irrigation Company began providing culinary water service in 1911. Who was the president of the company at the time?



The correct answer, J.R. Allen, was submitted by several people. From the correct answers we drew the name of Teri Bryan, who won a \$20 gift card.

Congratulations to Teri, and thanks to all who participated in our History Corner throughout the year!

Water Games for Kids: WaterBusters!

Here's a free online game that can help teach kids about some simple ways to conserve water indoors. Visit <http://www2.seattle.gov/util/waterbusters/> to help Phil Dumpster find areas around the house where he can save water, money, and the environment.

A Home Water Conservation Game

BERT & PHIL'S WATER! BUSTERS!

Phil Dumpster has a big problem. High water bills are giving his wallet a soaking! Phil has asked his friend Bert the Salmon to help him find areas around the house where he can save water, money and the environment.

Help Bert and Phil quickly find and fix water leaks around the house before high water bills wash them away!

HOW TO PLAY **START GAME**

[Check out the High Scores](#)

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