

Current Events



September Office Closures

WaterPro's office will be closed on the following days:

- Labor Day, Monday, September 5 (all day)
- Friday, September 23 from 11:30-1 p.m. for a company meeting

PI Reservoir Used to Fight Draper Fire

When a fire threatened homes in Draper on Sunday, August 7, firefighters were able to use water from WaterPro's pressure irrigation pond near South Mountain to help fight the flames.



A helicopter airlifts water from the pressure irrigation pond near South Mountain golf course.

This was the second time that firefighters used our irrigation pond as a source of water.

It was also used for the Corner Canyon fire on August 26, 2008.

The state fire marshal and safe drinking water committee require WaterPro and all other water systems to maintain a certain amount of water storage for just such emergencies. We are proud to be able to serve the community in this way.

Is WaterPro Delinquent on Taxes?

Several recent news stories have highlighted the issue of private businesses, usually property developers, who elect not to pay their property taxes on time.

Some of those stories list WaterPro/Draper Irrigation as Salt Lake County's top tax "delinquent."



The company's tax bill is based on the county's assertion that we should be taxed as a for-profit business, rather than on the same basis as a municipal water utility. WaterPro/Draper Irrigation has always been a not-for-profit business, and recent legislation has decreed that we and other private water companies that serve the public should be treated the same as municipal water utilities. We continue to negotiate with the county to avoid this unfair double taxation for our customers.

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How does Utah's water supply for 2011 look? How often should you water your lawn? What's going on with the proposed Lake Powell pipeline? How do water costs in Utah compare to other areas?

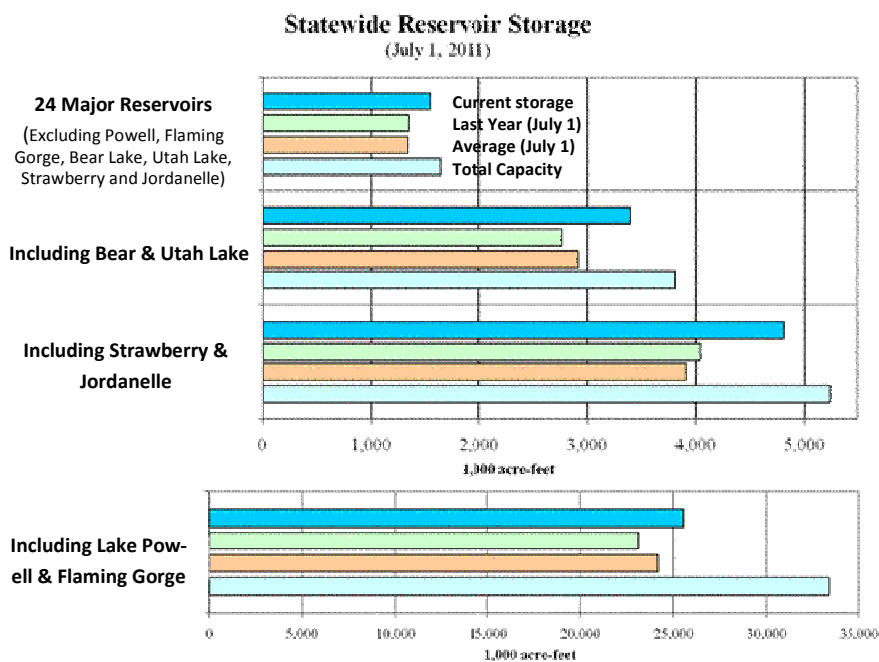
You can find the answers to these and many more questions about water at the Utah Division of Water Resources' easy-to-use web page, water.utah.gov.

As the chart below shows, most reservoirs in the state are near capacity, reflecting the above-average snowpack last win-

ter and the wet spring.

On the same site, you can click for a color-coded map showing recommended irrigation schedules based on recent precipitation. Remember that as the weather cools, lawns and other plants require less water.

Although this has been a good water year for the state, it's still important to practice wise water conservation measures. To avoid damaging your lawn by overwatering, please use the Division's watering recommendations and keep your sprinkler system in good repair.



This chart downloaded from www.water.utah.gov shows that water storage is near capacity in most reservoirs in Utah.

WaterPro History Corner: Win a \$20 Gift Card!

In 2004, WaterPro/Draper Irrigation's hydroelectric plant went online. Here's the related history question:

In what year did Draper Irrigation Company's board minutes first record a suggestion to harness water power to produce electricity?



Hint: You can find the answer by downloading our company history from our website, www.waterpro.net.

Email your answer to hope@waterpro.net by 5 p.m. on Friday, September 16. From all the correct answers we receive, we will draw one lucky winner to receive a \$20 gift card to a local merchant.

Last month's question was:

Name three state and national water organizations that Draper Irrigation/WaterPro is involved with.

The correct answer (Rural Water Association of Utah, American Water Works Association, and Utah Water Users Association, was sent in by several readers. From those correct answers, we drew the name of Frank Baldassari. Congratulations, Frank!