



April 29, 2022

RE: TRANSITION OF KAYS CREEK PRESSURIZED IRRIGATION SYSTEM TO LAYTON CITY

Dear Secondary Water Customer,

Layton City and Kays Creek Irrigation Company ("Kays Creek") entered into an agreement effective January 31, 2022 to transfer the ownership, operation, and maintenance of the Kays Creek pressurized irrigation system to Layton City. Customers that use Kays Creek secondary water for their outdoor sprinkler systems have now become Layton City customers. Layton City staff will be operating and maintaining the 30-miles of pipe, approximately 2,500 service connections, valves, and pressure regulators. City staff will also perform billing as described on the back of this notice. Kays Creek will maintain ownership and maintenance of the reservoirs and the supply to those reservoirs. In addition, ditch / non-pressurized customers will remain with Kays Creek. This letter provides information on billing, rate structure, drought watering restrictions, and Frequently Asked Questions.

TRANSITION TO MONTHLY BILLING ON UPCOMING UTILITY BILL

In the past, customers using Kays Creek pressurized water for their outdoor sprinklers have typically received a single assessment/bill once a year from Kays Creek requiring payment for the total amount. With the transition to Layton City, customers will be billed monthly. Customers will notice a new line item (secondary – pressurized) on the regular City utility bill for their property. The charge will be equal to the annual assessment for the year divided into 12 equal payments. All customers will be assigned this monthly billing schedule to coincide with their current monthly utility bill. Those customers that hold additional Kays Creek water share certificates will also be billed on a monthly schedule; these customers will notice a new line item (secondary – shareholder) on their monthly water bill.

**** We anticipate the first secondary water installments to be included on the May utility bills typically mailed out in early June. Please visit the City website <https://www.laytoncity.org/LC/Finance/Utilities> for additional updates. ****

Those Agricultural and Farm users on the "ditch" system will remain Kays Creek customers and will continue to receive bills directly from Kays Creek.

Due to the historic drought, water supplies have been severely impacted throughout the Weber Basin Drainage Area. Outdoor water restrictions have been implemented for all outdoor water users in Layton City. Please refer to the enclosed information sheet or visit <https://www.laytoncity.org/> to learn more.

Sincerely,

Layton City Public Works





SECONDARY WATER RATE STRUCTURE

The Kays Creek Board approved the following updated rate structure for 2022. For typical residential pressurized customers, the assessment is based on lot size.

Pressurized System:

Homeowners

\$250 for property 1/3 acre or less (1st ac-ft)

\$50 for each additional 1/3 acre (each additional ac-ft)

Additional Shares (Class C)

\$250 for each 1/3 share or less (1st ac-ft)

\$50 for each additional 1/3 share (each additional ac-ft)

Agricultural users (ditch and pressurized)

\$250 for property up to the first acre (1st share)

\$30 for each ac-ft thereafter (\$90 per each additional share)

*Agricultural users on the pressurized system are identified as properties larger than 2 acres without turf grass landscaping.

DROUGHT WATERING RESTRICTIONS – 2022

The following information can be found on Layton City's website (www.laytoncity.org) and applies to all outdoor water users in the City. Please refer back to the website for future updates or restrictions.

What're we doing about water? Once again, it is a "good news – bad news" story. The good news? We've had a cooler than normal spring, delaying the need for outside watering, and we demonstrated last year what we can do as a community to conserve water! The bad news? It was a dry winter and our reservoir storage for our region is at 48%. (Last year at this time we were at 54%) Our current drought condition is considered "severe." Which means we will be having water restrictions this year.

As a City we have met with the other water providers in our area to assess our resources and determine a plan for conservation. Whether you water with secondary or culinary, these restrictions are aimed to be the same. Currently, we are requesting citizens to do the following:

- Wait and begin outdoor watering after May 15, 2022. It has been cool enough, and there is sufficient moisture in the soil to maintain plant life through that period.
- After May 15, 2022: Limit outdoor watering to once a week. For lawns and gardens that means a one-time watering of 20 minutes for pop-up or overhead sprinklers, 40 minutes for rotor sprinklers, and 60 minutes for drip systems. For established trees and shrubs, this means hand watering one day a week.
- No watering between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- No hosing down of driveways, patios, and sidewalks.
- Reduce indoor water use by 10%.
- All new landscaping must adhere to the current water restrictions.

For outdoor watering, your assigned day to water is by house address number as follows:

House #	Ends In	Assigned Day
	0 or 2	Monday
	1 or 3	Tuesday
	4 or 6	Wednesday
	5 or 7	Thursday
	8 or 9	Friday

We ask that you continue to conserve inside the home as well. Again, thank you for demonstrating your spirit of community last year in reducing consumption by over 680 million gallons of water! We can do that again this year to ensure we'll have water to drink in 2023.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: When will my secondary water be turned on? When will it be turned off?

A: The start-up and charging of the Kays Creek secondary water system has been delayed until mid-May due to the continued drought conditions. The City anticipates the secondary water system to be ready for use after May 15, 2022. Please refer to the schedule mentioned previously for your assigned watering day based on your address. We appreciate your efforts to comply and help stretch our limited and valuable water resource. Secondary water systems will be turned off early again this year, with anticipated shut down in September, if the limited supply will last that long.

Q: My outdoor sprinkler system has a leak, and I need to have my secondary water service shut off temporarily to complete a repair. Who do I contact?

A: Please contact the Layton City Public Works Shop at (801) 336-3720 for assistance.

Q: The secondary water charge on my utility bill appears to have an error. Who do I contact?

A: Please call the Layton City Utility Billing Dept at (801) 336-3860 and the staff will assist you. We have made every attempt to apply the correct amount to each account. Please kindly notify us if you notice an error or have questions.

Q: Who do we call to report a property owner with a broken sprinkler / water waste / overwatering feedback?

A: Please call the Layton City Public Works Shop at (801) 336-3720 and provide address and type of issue including date and time you noticed the problem.

Q: When will my secondary water service line be metered?

A: During the 2022 legislative session, the Utah Legislature passed a bill requiring all secondary water connections to be metered by 2030. This is a massive project involving over 2,000 meters to be installed in the Kays Creek service area alone, many of which are located in backyards. Layton City is currently applying for newly available grant money to purchase and install meters. More information will be provided when funds are secured and meters are ready for installation.