

## Secondary Water

The Pleasant Grove Water Department will start filling the secondary water system around April 16<sup>th</sup>. Even though there will be water in the system, everyone is being asked to wait until **April 30<sup>th</sup>** to start watering. In preparation for the irrigation season, we recommend the following.

- Check your valve to make sure that it is turned off until lines are full.
- Open your valve slowly to check for leaks and broken pipes.
- If a pipe is broken it most likely froze throughout the winter months.
- The city recommends/suggests that you put a drain in where the pipe was broken when you fix your pipe as that is likely a low spot that will continue to freeze each winter and potentially break.

The precipitation over this winter has been very minimal. As of March 20, 2018, the Snow Water Equivalent at the Timpanogos Divide SNOTEL station was measuring 41% of normal at this point in the water year. This does cause concern for our upcoming water year and being able to provide adequate water for the secondary water system. The city over the past few years has been able to hold over some of their water as storage, so if we all do our part to conserve we should be able to get through this water year. We are concerned with what will happen next year if we have another low water year next winter. The more we conserve of our water this year, the better off we will be next year. In order for the system to operate more efficiently for everyone, we are still asking that residents follow the watering schedule that has been established over the past number of years. If you have an odd house number you water on Mon, Wed and Fri. Those with even house numbers water on Tue, Thur and Sat. This requires watering during the day as well as at night. Still no watering on Sun except the big users scheduled by the City. It is recognized that watering during the day is less efficient but it is necessary to better balance water use with supply. We will also have a water conservation enforcement employee during this watering season that will be watching for water wasting and issuing citations as necessary. Please encourage conservation so we can continue to provide secondary water service to our residents. If you have any questions, please contact the Water Department at 801-785-2941.

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