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2020 Irrigation Season Information for you



Know what's below.
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As we approach the 2020 irrigation season, we want to share some important information with you.

Invest in Efficiency

If you anticipate making changes or additions to your system, please contact us as soon as possible to discuss. We look forward to working with you to make energy efficiency improvements in your irrigation system that can save energy, water, and money without compromising productivity. NorthWestern Energy has Efficiency Plus (E+) rebates for Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs) for irrigation pumps and customer incentives for irrigators through our E+ Irrigator Program for qualifying electric efficiency measures. Some qualifications may apply. For more information, visit our website www.northwesternenergy.com/Eplus.

Rates

We have two tiers of irrigation charges. Smaller users pay per kilowatt hour (kWh). Larger users with loads greater than 15 kilowatts (kW) require a demand meter and incur an additional demand charge. The demand charge is measured through a demand meter which registers the highest rate of electrical flow (current) for specified time periods, usually 15 or 30 minute intervals during each billing period, independent of the kWh energy usage.

The amount of time the pump operates is the basis for energy costs. Making decisions to use your pump based on the meter-reading schedule provided can help you better control your demand charges.

Demand charges may be prorated, if used less than 25 days, on the first and last billing periods. Prorating allows you to pay a partial demand charge that better matches the time of energy use. Please contact us at (888) 467-2669 with your seasonal start-up and end dates.

The seasonal charge is assessed in May on accounts that are active or when the service is turned on for the irrigation season, regardless of usage.

Your irrigation service remains active and energized throughout the year unless you notify us and request the service be turned off.

For more information on energy rates, visit our website www.northwesternenergy.com.

BPA Exchange Credit

*The Northwest Power Act of 1980 created the Residential Exchange Program (REP), administered by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). The REP allows participating utilities to pass benefits to qualified residential, small farm and irrigation customers through credits on their power bills. Irrigation/pumping loads that qualify may receive benefits up to a maximum of 222,000 kWh per month per farm. An adjustment (charge) for the excess will occur on the next month's bill for benefits exceeding the 222,000 kWh per month. For more information, please refer to: <http://www.bpa.gov/FinanceResidentialExchangeProgram>.

We care about your safety

Maintain the "10-foot Circle of Safety" rule: keep everyone and everything – you, the tools and materials you are handling, and the equipment you are operating – at least 10 feet away from all overhead power lines. If you are around higher voltage lines, allow even more distance.

If a piece of equipment makes contact with a power line, stay on board to remain safe.

If the equipment is operable and movable without doing additional damage to the line or poles, then do so carefully. Call 911 and NorthWestern Energy immediately, and warn others to stay away. Only in cases where there is fire or imminent risk of fire, the operator should try to get off of the machinery. When this is the case, the proper action is to jump clear (not step away) with both feet hitting the ground at the same time, ensuring not to contact the machinery, then hop or shuffle with both feet remaining on the ground, to a safe distance (at least 30 feet). Never return to the equipment until the area is declared safe.

And please remember to always call 811 for underground utility locates before digging.

Thank you

2020 Irrigation and Sprinkling Service Information

Supply rates for Northwestern Energy supply customers, effective April 1, 2020*

	Non-Demand Account		Demand-Metered Account		
	Energy \$/kWh	Seasonal Charge	Energy \$/kWh	Demand \$/kWh	Seasonal Charge
Supply - Energy*	0.065690		0.065690		
Supply Deferred Costs	0.003856		0.003856		
Energy Supply Taxes	0.004511		0.004511		
Seasonal Customer Charge**		\$43.40			\$102.30
CTC-QF	0.003317		0.003317		
Distribution - Energy	0.009503		0.002177		
Energy Delivery Taxes	0.026665		0.002416		
*BPA Exchange Credit for Residential & Small Farms	-0.002225		-0.002225		
Universal Systems Benefits Charge	0.001144		0.001144		
Transmission Energy	0.006263				
Distribution - Demand				3.970833	
Transmission - Demand				1.422721	
EL Irrigation Delivery Tax				4.873694	
	\$/kWh	\$/Season	\$/kWh	\$/kWh	\$/Season
Total	\$0.1187	\$43.40	\$0.080886	\$10.267248	\$102.30

* Supply rates (supply-energy) cover electric commodity costs that vary due to supply and demand fluctuation. As a result, they are tracked monthly and they change each month.

** Seasonal Customer Charge will be included on the first bill of the season (May 2020).