

News Release Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District

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FIRST PAYMENT DUE DECEMBER 20 FOR 2019 NAMPA & MERIDIAN IRRIGATION TAXES

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The deadline for more than 41,000 Treasure Valley property owners to pay their 2019 irrigation tax bill is just two weeks away, officials with Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District said today.

The irrigation tax bill must be paid by December 20. Property owners have the option of paying the taxes in full or in two parts, but at least half of the 2019 assessment <u>must</u> be hand delivered to the NMID office or postmarked by December 20. Second-half payments must be made by June 20, 2020 for residents who choose to make two payments.

Property owners can also pay online by using NMID's secure online bill payment option on the District website at www.nmid.org, and selecting the "Online Payments" tab at the top left side of the website page. Online payments must be made prior to 5pm on December 20, according to Daren Coon, NMID Secretary Treasurer.

If the tax bill is not paid on time, then a 2 percent penalty and interest at an annual rate of 12 percent will be added to their 2019 tax bill.

Idaho law requires that tax liens be filed each year against the property if the assessments are not paid in full by June 20 of the following year. The District is currently moving forward with tax deed action against properties in Ada and Canyon counties for which tax levies have gone unpaid for three years.

Tax deed action can eventually lead to property being sold at a tax deed auction if the owner refuses to pay the assessments, Coon cautioned.

Property owners who owe tax assessments from previous years will find their past due tax assessment information included in this year's notice. A list of individuals owing back taxes will be available on the District's website in January.

People with questions about their assessment payment or the Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District should call the District office at (208) 466-7861. More information about the District is also available at its website: **www.nmid.org**.