



# News Release

## Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District

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### **NAMPA & MERIDIAN IRRIGATION DISTRICT** **TO FILL CANALS BEGINNING MONDAY**

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Water managers with the Treasure Valley's largest irrigation district will open headgates at a Boise River irrigation diversion at 3 a.m. Monday to officially launch the Treasure Valley irrigation season, the Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District announced today.

Water will be turned in to fill more than 500 miles of canals in the District's system, including the historic Ridenbaugh Canal, at the District's Boise River diversion near Barber Park. As the Ridenbaugh Canal fills, smaller lateral canals will also begin to flow with water. It will take several days before the District's canals are completely full of water, especially in the furthest reaches of the system.

NMID officials also issued strong safety warnings about the danger of canals. "Canals are inherently deadly for children and young people. The water is deep and cold and it flows at a fast rate of speed and are almost impossible to get out of if you fall in," Anderson said. District officials also caution that canals are private property so playing in a canal or along its banks is considered trespassing under Idaho law.

NMID delivers irrigation water to 69,000 acres of Treasure Valley land including pressurized irrigation to approximately 15,000 residential and commercial lots including 335 residential subdivisions. For information about the District call 466-7861. Information is also available on its Internet website: [www.nmid.org](http://www.nmid.org).

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