

# Carnhope Irrigation District #7

## Spring 2026 Newsletter

### DISTRICT ENHANCEMENTS

The District has been working hard to improve over the past year while collaborating with its new engineer. All changes were made with careful consideration for the Carnhope Irrigation District's immediate and future needs to continue serving its customers. Changes include, but not limited to:

#### MISSION STATEMENT

The District's mission is to provide its patrons with safe, great tasting water and to be stewards of their trade.

**BOARD MEETINGS** are held on the 1st Tuesday of every month. Call 509-536-9180 to verify the time and date if you would like to attend. Your participation is welcome.

We are available at the office (by appointment only) Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Our new website is [www.carnhopewater.org](http://www.carnhopewater.org).

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Jason Johnston, Chair  
Darius Rappe, Co-Chair  
George Hoover, Board Member  
Robin Rohlf, Board Member  
TBD, Board Member

#### **STAFF:**

Nathaniel Kennicutt, Superintendent  
Jason Bowman, Assistant Superintendent  
Dalton Heilbrun, Operator in Training  
Juleen Vogelmann, Secretary

- New AMR radio-read meter program to improve leak detection
- Pump house upgrades, including new pump drives and cellular callout
- GIS mapping of water system assets to improve locating and tracking
- Replacement of aging assets including aging water mains and valves.
- Updated water rates based on customer class and capital needs (see graph on second page)

### WATER USE EFFICIENCY (WUE)

Earlier this year, the District adopted a new WUE (Water Use Efficiency) goal to reduce production by 3% overall during the summer months over the next six years. In addition, a series of measures were adopted to support this goal. The WUE plan is available on the new Carnhope website: [www.carnhopewater.org](http://www.carnhopewater.org).

### WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

Outdoor water use increases significantly during the summer months. Customers can help conserve water by checking sprinkler heads for leaks, clogs, or overspray onto sidewalks or pavement. Customers are also encouraged to adjust irrigation timers seasonally and reduce watering during cooler or rainy periods.

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*All irrigation systems are required to have an approved backflow device and it must be tested annually. WAC 246-290*

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If you are uncertain about any requirement or have questions, please contact our office and we will schedule a site visit as needed. The district goes out to bid every two years to secure the best pricing from a qualified **Backflow Assembly Tester (B.A.T.)** and will place you on a routine schedule to ensure all testing is completed by **June 15, 2026**. For the **2026–2027 testing season**, the district has contracted with **Ray at HRC Affordable Backflow Testing**. The rate is **\$40.00** for the initial scheduled test, and this charge will be assessed with your annual water billing. If you prefer to use your own certified tester, please contact the office to inform us. If you would like to be added to the District's backflow testing program, we are happy to assist with that as well.

### CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORTS (CCR)

The District's annual Consumer Confidence Report, also known as the water quality report, is available to customers. This report includes information about the District's drinking water sources, water quality testing, and compliance with drinking water standards. Customers may view the report online at [www.carnhopewater.org](http://www.carnhopewater.org) and

[www.spokaneaquifer.org/carnhope-irrigation-district-no-7](http://www.spokaneaquifer.org/carnhope-irrigation-district-no-7) or request a paper copy by contacting the District at [service@carnhopewater.org](mailto:service@carnhopewater.org).





## 2026 WATER RATES

Equivalency		Annual Base Charge	Capital Improvement Charge	Use Charge	
		per unit	per unit	per 1,000 ga	
Single-Family	1.00	\$386.12	\$100.00	\$1.85	
Multi-Family	0.35	\$135.14	\$35.00		
Duplex, Triplex, Quadplex	1.00	\$386.12	\$100.00		
Mobile Home	0.50	\$193.06	\$50.00		
Irrigation	1.00	\$386.12	\$100.00		
Equivalency		Annual Base Charge	Capital Improvement Charge	Use Charge	
		per meter	per meter	per 1,000 ga	
Commercial	5/8" or 3/4"	1.00	\$386.12	\$100.00	\$1.85
	1.00"	2.50	\$965.30	\$250.00	
	1.50"	4.00	\$1,544.48	\$400.00	
	2.00"	8.00	\$3,088.96	\$800.00	
	3.00"	17.50	\$6,757.10	\$1,750.00	

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