

Updates to Idaho In-Season and Out-of-Season Dates

A Simpler Way to Track Your Meter Read Date

Knowing when and how your irrigation meter records usage can help you better understand your power bill and make informed decisions about when you operate your pumps.

Your irrigation meter tracks two key measurements each month:

- Energy use (kilowatt-hours or kWh): the total amount of electricity your pump uses.
- Demand (kilowatts or kW): the highest average level of electricity used during any 15-minute period during the month.

During irrigation season, that highest 15-minute demand becomes the demand charge on your monthly bill.

For all Idaho irrigation customers, in-season rates begin June 1 and run through Sept. 30.

During this period, irrigation bills include both an energy charge and a demand charge. Out-of-season rates run from Oct. 1 through May 31 and do not include a demand charge.

Read Date:
JUNE 1
START OF DAY:
12:00:00 a.m.
(0:00:00)



Idaho Customers Moving to Calendar Billing

Beginning this spring, Idaho Power will move all Idaho irrigation customers (Rate Schedules 24 and 84) to a standard calendar-month billing schedule with meters read on the first of every month.

In the past, irrigation meters were read on different billing cycles that could shift slightly from year to year. Many customers told us this made it difficult to track monthly usage and demand. Based on that feedback, Idaho Power worked with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to simplify the process during the 2025 General Rate Case.

Starting in June 2026, irrigation usage will be recorded from 12:00 a.m. on the first day of the month through 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the month. Bills will then be sent the following month. For example, energy used in June will appear on a bill sent in July.

To transition everyone to this new schedule, irrigation accounts will shift to calendar billing between March and May 2026. Because customers are currently on different billing cycles, some customers may see a shortened billing period on their April or May bill. This is a one-time adjustment as accounts move to the new

schedule. By June, all Idaho irrigation customers will be on the same calendar billing timeline.

Oregon irrigation customers will not transition to calendar billing and will remain on a billing cycle schedule. For the 2026 Oregon Irrigation Demand In-Season Card, visit idahopower.com/irrigation.

If you have specific questions about your own billing cycle, please contact your Idaho Power agricultural representative or call Customer Service at 1-800-488-6151.

Meet Your Ag Reps

At Idaho Power, we work year-round to ensure farmers and irrigators have the energy and support they need to keep our families fed and our economy running strong.

Our agricultural representatives (ag reps) are trusted energy advisors who offer our customers valuable irrigation system evaluation and planning for optimal energy use. Feel free to reach out to the ag rep for your area any time with questions or for assistance.

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Sign Up for Irrigation Peak Rewards

Enrollment is currently open for Idaho Power's 2026 Irrigation Peak Rewards Program — a flexible, voluntary demand response program that helps irrigation customers earn incentives while supporting reliable service during peak summer demand. New and returning participants are welcome.

By enrolling, customers agree to limited, short-duration interruptions to selected irrigation pumps during high-demand periods. In return, participants receive incentive payments. Customers can choose automatic dispatch, where Idaho Power turns off pumps you've designated using a load control device, or manual dispatch, where you shut off

pumps when notified — putting you in control. Connect with your Idaho Power agricultural representative (ag rep) to see if you qualify.

The program also offers three enrollment window options, allowing you to balance flexibility and incentives. Your ag rep can help you find the best combination for your operation, irrigation schedule, and equipment.

Enrollment packets were mailed in February and include a personalized incentive estimate based on your 2025 irrigation season usage, along with enrollment forms and instructions. If you did not receive a packet and would like to enroll, please contact your Ag Rep.

Options	Event Window	Fixed Incentive (per billing kW)	Fixed Incentive (per billing kWh)	Variable Incentive (per event kWh after the third event)*	Opt-Out Fee (per billing kW)*
Early	3 to 9 p.m.	\$2.75	\$0.004	\$0.09	\$3.25
Standard	3 to 10 p.m.	\$5.25	\$0.008	\$0.18	\$6.25
Extended	3 to 11 p.m.	\$5.25	\$0.008	\$0.25	\$6.25

*Will never be more than your total incentive.

Thank you!
to our 2025 Irrigation Peak Rewards participants

Demand response helps keep all of our customers' bills low by avoiding or delaying the need for new resources during periods of high energy demand. Thank you to everyone who participated in 2025. Here's a look at last year's season:

- **3 events called**
- **2,699 services from 499 customers**
- **122.9 MW max performance**

Enrollment for 2026 is currently open. You can submit your forms prior to the June 15 season start date. If you have questions about participating, contact your ag rep or the Irrigation Peak Rewards program specialist at 208-388-2534.



Thinking **Bigger**? Custom Incentives Can Support System-Wide Upgrades

If you're considering more than a simple repair, and looking at a full or partial irrigation system upgrade, Idaho Power's Custom Incentive program may be a great place to start.

Custom Incentives are designed for customers planning whole-system improvements, such as pump upgrades, system redesigns, or efficiency improvements that go beyond standard replacements. Incentives are based on estimated annual energy savings, making this option ideal for projects tailored to your operation, equipment, and irrigation needs.

Custom Incentive

Path	2026 Incentive
Existing Irrigation System	\$0.30 per annual kWh saved or \$540 per kW; incentive will not exceed 75% of project cost.
New Irrigation System	\$0.30 per annual kWh saved; incentive will not exceed 10% of project cost.

For more information, or to get started on your incentive application, contact your local agricultural representative, or visit idahopower.com/irrigation.

For a deeper look at how those upgrades translate into energy savings and incentive dollars, your Idaho Power ag rep is your best resource. Ag reps can evaluate your system, help identify the most effective improvements, and guide you through the Custom Incentive process from start to finish.

Your local irrigation dealer can help recommend equipment and system upgrades that improve performance and reliability. The payoff goes beyond energy savings — efficient systems can also reduce water use and operating costs, delivering long-term value season after season.

Looking to replace individual components instead? Idaho Power also offers Menu Incentives for qualifying replacement parts.

Menu Incentive

Irrigation Menu	2026 Incentives
New flow control type nozzles	\$5.00
New nozzles for impact, rotating, or fixed-head sprinklers	\$1.50
New or rebuilt impact or rotating type sprinklers	\$0.55
New or rebuilt wheel line levelers	\$1.50
New complete low-pressure pivot package	\$10.00
New drains for pivots and wheel lines	\$4.00
New risercaps and gaskets for handlines, wheel lines, or portable mainline	\$2.00





How Idaho Power Manages Growth and Protects Customers

Whether you're following conversations at the Legislature, hearing reports in the news, or talking with neighbors, growth in Idaho is top of mind for many, and customers often ask how large energy users are served and how the costs for new infrastructure are allocated.

It's an important topic, and we want customers to understand how growth is managed and how Idaho's regulatory framework helps ensure that large-use customers are not shifting costs to other customers.

During Idaho Power's most recent rate case, which went into effect Jan. 1, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC) reviewed claims that large-load customers were responsible for the proposed rate increases, and based on the record in that case, determined that other factors were driving rate changes.

One reason for this finding is Idaho's "growth-pays-for-growth" approach. Before a new large-load customer can connect to the electric system, they are required to fund project-specific infrastructure needed to serve their facility. This includes any necessary distribution lines, substations, and transmission infrastructure. These funds are provided up front, before materials are purchased or construction begins, so other customers are not responsible for those costs if a project does not move forward.

Additionally, these new large-load customers are required to enter into an energy services agreement with Idaho Power, which is reviewed and approved by the IPUC to ensure service terms provide adequate protections for existing customers.

So, what caused rates to increase?

Like many businesses, Idaho Power has also experienced rising costs in recent years. Growth across homes, farms, and businesses requires continued investment in the electric system to maintain reliable service. At the same time, inflation has increased the cost of materials and equipment used to build and maintain infrastructure. Labor costs and expanded wildfire mitigation efforts have also contributed to higher operating expenses.

Idaho's regulatory framework is designed to manage growth while protecting customers. The growth-pays-for-growth model helps ensure new development covers its own costs while supporting a reliable and affordable electric system for all Idaho Power customers.

Idaho Property Tax Billing Change

Starting Jan. 1, 2026, Idaho Power updated how a state-required property tax appears on customer bills due to new legislation (House Bill 329).

Under the new law, the tax must be collected on a per-kilowatt-hour (kWh) basis and shown as a separate line item, rather than being included in electric rates. All tax collected is passed directly to the State of Idaho for distribution to local entities, such as counties and schools.

Irrigation customers remain exempt from this tax. However, you will see a change in how it appears on your bill. Instead of paying the tax during the year and receiving a single rebate check near the end of the year, you will now see a kWh tax charge and an equal credit applied monthly.

This is not a rate increase, and it does not affect other rebate programs.

