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Gardnerville WATER COMPANY

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Gardnerville Water Company Newsletter

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Board Meetings

Held the second Tuesday of the month at 4:00pm.

MAY 12, 2026
JUNE 09, 2026
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AUGUST 11, 2026

Increase of Charges/ Fines

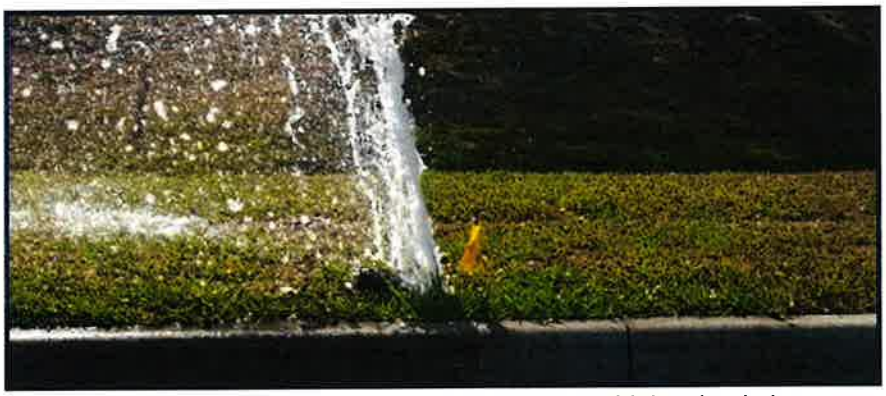
As of July 1st, 2026 we will be implementing targeted increases to certain service fees to help offset rising operational costs while minimizing impacts to overall water rates. This approach allows us to maintain reliable service and system integrity without applying larger increases to monthly bills. Please refer to our Rates and Charges on our website at Gardnervillewater.org.

Geological Signs of Irrigation Problems

Irrigation systems usually run when most people are asleep, so how can you tell if you have an irrigation leak? There is a fine line between poor drainage, over irrigation and irrigation leaks. However, since none of these are desirable, you need to investigate further if you see any of the geological signs below on your property.

Old Faithful - Unless you are drilling a well, water shooting up in the air is not a good sign. A hole in a mainline will run continuously and is usually obvious, but a broken irrigation head will only run when the zone cycles. Since more water is released from a broken irrigation head than a properly functioning irrigation head it can lead to the next three symptoms.

Niagara Falls - Water flowing over a curb when it is not raining is not a good sign. Any water flowing over a curb from irrigation is water being wasted and is a sign of over irrigation, a broken irrigation head or poor drainage.



Mississippi Delta- If you remember your middle or high school class on geology you will recall when the Mississippi River flows into the Gulf of Mexico the sediment is deposited in an alluvial fan pattern. An alluvial fan pattern on a sidewalk or parking lot could be a sign of a broken irrigation head.

Grand Canyon - A broken irrigation head releases more water, which shoots up in the air and falls back to earth with a substantial amount of destructive energy. Depending on the type of soil and vegetation there can be erosion. If the start of the erosion is near an irrigation head it may be cracked, broken or have a loose connection at the base.

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BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS WITH CONVIENIENCE IN MIND

- **Automatic Bill Payment** - You never have to worry about paying your bill on time with this convenient service. With Automatic Bill Payment, we mail your water bill as usual **(or select paperless billing and get your bills online)** and your payment amount will be automatically deducted from your checking, savings, credit or debit card. To sign up call (775) 782-2339, or visit us online www.gardnervillewater.org
- **Pay Online** - Now you can pay your bill online for free using your checking, savings or credit card. Visit www.gardnervillewater.org to pay your bill
- **Pay by Phone** - You can pay your bill by phone for free using your checking, savings or credit card by calling 775-782-2339
- **Pay by Mail** - Simply mail your payment, to GWC 1579 Virginia Ranch Rd, Gardnerville, NV 89410
- **Pay at GWC's Office** - Located at 1579 Virginia Ranch Road, our office is open Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm (closed 12-1pm) or if you wish to drop off your payment, you may take advantage of our payment drop box, located conveniently for your driver to drop in while driving thru the left side of the building.



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The Grass is Greener on the Other Side of the Fence.



Darker green spots or taller grass around an irrigation head is usually a sign of a problem. The irrigation head is likely cracked, broken or clogged. Green spots in the grass away from an irrigation head is likely just from extra nitrogen usually from animal urine.

Green Slimy Curbs - If a slimy fungus starts to form on the curb you may be over irrigating… a lot or have a slow irrigation leak.

Trickle Down Effect - If you notice a little bit of water steadily coming out of an irrigation head long after the system has turned off you may have a leaking irrigation valve. Most of the time irrigation valves work well. However, over time the diaphragm or solenoid in an irrigation valve can fail or debris can block the diaphragm from fully closing.

When doing repairs, utilize the building's shut-off valve DO NOT TURN OFF THE WATER AT THE METER PIT!

Irrigation Rain Sensor

Consider adding a wind, rain, and freeze sensor to your irrigation system to automatically shut off during weather events. Irrigation rain sensors typically reduce landscape water consumption by roughly 22% to 30%.

Studies indicate these devices can save approximately $87 in the first year

It saves water, reduces costs, making it a valuable addition to any landscape.

Wasted Water = Wasted Money



Consumer Confidence Report

You can view the Gardnerville Water Company's annual water quality report on-line at https://gardnervillewater.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/2026-CCR_Final.pdf. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. A copy is available at our office at 1579 Virginia Ranch Rd, Gardnerville, or call (775) 782-2339 if you would like a report delivered to your home or emailed to you.