

	Bow River Irrigation District	Policy #331
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Purpose

Section 13(1) of the Irrigation Districts Act states that a district may stop the delivery of water to a parcel if the district is of the opinion that any further delivery of water may exceed the amount prescribed by bylaw, or the owner or lessee of the parcel has used or is using the water delivered by the district in a manner that is causing or may cause loss of damage to property or loss or injury to any person.

Using irrigation water without approval from the ditch rider may result in water shortages to other irrigators, causing loss to their crops. The purpose of this policy is to outline the procedures that will be followed when an irrigator uses water without permission from their ditch rider.

Policy

The procedure to be followed when an irrigator does not order water in advance of using it:

- 1) For the first offence:
 - a. A warning letter will be issued by the General Manager or the Operations Supervisor.
- 2) For the second offence in the same year:
 - a. A warning letter will be issued by the General Manager or the Operations Supervisor, and
 - b. A penalty of 2" of water allocation will be deducted from the irrigator's annual allotment for the parcels irrigated without ordering water.
- 3) For subsequent offences in the same year:
 - a. A warning letter will be issued by the General Manager or the Operations Supervisor, and
 - b. A penalty of an additional 2" of water allocation will be deducted from the irrigator's annual allotment for the parcels irrigated without ordering water, and
 - c. A fee of \$1,000 will be charged to the irrigator, and
 - d. The turnout used to irrigate the parcel(s) in question will be physically locked for the longer of 48 hours or the time at which the \$1,000 fee is paid.

Bow River Irrigation District reserves the right to modify this policy, practice and procedure at any time and to interpret, implement, and administer this policy in its sole discretion.