How to Prepare for P.I.
1. Make sure your P.I. water valve is shut off in your service box.
2. Turn sprinklers on or open up hose.
3. Make sure filter is clean and attached.
4. After April 15, slowly open up water valve in your service box.

WHAT IS P.I.?
Pressurized Irrigation (P.I.), or Secondary Irrigation, is a separate water system meant for lawn and garden care. P.I. is what comes out your sprinklers, while any spigots connected directly to your house are typically tied to your drinking water. P.I. is filtered and treated, but not to the level of the water that enters your home. As such, it is considered non-potable, or not drinkable.

IS IRRIGATION WATER SAFE?
In September of 2016 the City tested soil samples in areas that receive the heaviest watering from P.I., such as the Fox Hollow Golf Course, as well as parks throughout the City, and found all samples to contain no significant levels of metals or contaminants. This Whether golfing, gardening or running through the sprinklers, P.I. is safe to play in (just don’t drink it).

WHEN DOES P.I. START?
Pressurized Irrigation begins April 15 and will run until October 15. In preparation for April 15 the City will begin charging, or pressurizing, the system. In order to ensure your sprinklers are not damaged, make sure the P.I. water valve is turned off in your service box, located near the front of your property. After the 15th, make sure your filter is clean and attached before slowly opening up your valve to the City’s system. It is also helpful to open up a hose to help release trapped air and ensure proper pressurization of your system.

For more information you can visit our website or call the American Fork Water Division at 801-763-3060.

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STREETS 801-404-1255
GARBAGE 801-924-8500
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You can also report a concern on the City website
Spring is upon us. Homeowners are dusting off their lawnmowers, farmers are planting crops, and kids anxiously anticipate the summer break when they can spend their time running through sprinklers or swimming in the pool. Water makes these activities possible. And water quality makes these activities safe. American Fork City is on the job to make sure your water is safe and secure; especially in light of recent events.

**TIBBLE FORK RELEASE**
In August of 2016, construction on the Tibble Fork Dam released sediment containing metals, including lead, into the river. American Fork City has been closely monitoring the situation as water from the canyon is used as part of our pressurized irrigation system. The City didn’t expect too much of an impact as the canyon water only makes up one-fifth of our water supply at that time of the year. This was later confirmed when we tested soil samples in our heaviest water users, such as our parks and the golf course, and saw no significant impact.

While tests shows that potential contaminants are not significantly present in our lawns and farms, some have concern that the water will make its way into our wells and aquifer (i.e., our drinking water). In reality most water that enters the ground in American Fork is used before it reaches our wells and aquifer hundreds of feet below. These drinking water sources, rather, are recharged from more significant water supplies, such as mountain lakes, streams, and snow pack. From these locations the water typically filters through the ground as it makes its way to the aquifer.

However, the City does not want to gamble when it comes to our resident’s safety. The City is required by law to test lead levels in drinking water every three years. But in light of recent events the City is opting to perform investigative tests every year for the next three consecutive years to ensure water safety for our residents.

**INDEPENDENT TESTING**
A month after the Tibble Fork Dam release the Utah State Division of Drinking Water (DDW) conducted an independent analysis of American Fork’s drinking water and found that our drinking water was significantly BELOW the maximum contaminant levels set by the EPA and FDA. In fact, lead levels in American Fork City’s drinking water is significantly below federal standards set for bottled water as well. The FDA requires lead in bottled water to be no more than 5 parts per billion (ppb). Sep 2016 tests showed American Fork drinking water contained 1.2 ppb. Think of that the next time you’re at the store loading up on ‘clean’ bottled water!

In addition to the Utah State Division of Drinking Water report, the City just finished its 2016 Water Quality Report. This report uses independent third party testing to verify if the water quality of American Fork. The 2016 results confirmed what the DDW found as well: that American Fork water is clean and safe. The samples analyzed look at 21 different regulated constituents (elements found in water), which include metals, microbes, organic and inorganic chemicals, and radioactive materials. The findings show that none of these constituents exceed the Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL) as federally defined and regulated.

To test our water, water samples are collected directly from faucets in homes throughout American Fork, which are then sent to a third party lab who analyzes each sample and sends data results directly to DDW. While no water is completely pure, tests from outside sources confirm that American Fork’s drinking water, and Pressurized Irrigation water, meets and exceeds all safety standards available.

For more information regarding our water, water testing, and to read the recent reports, visit our website at [afcity.org](http://afcity.org) and search Water Division or Pressurized Irrigation. Or call us at 801-763-3060. You can also visit the FDA site at [FDA.gov](http://FDA.gov) to learn more about water quality standards.
As the temperature rises and you start spending more time outdoors it’s important to stay hydrated. Staying hydrated helps every part of your body function. Proper hydration helps the heart more easily pump blood through the body.

So how much water do you need? A good start is to drink half your body weight in ounces. If you weigh 150 pounds you should be drinking at least 75 ounces of water a day. Depending on the climate, your physical activity and other factors - you could need more. Thirst is not a good indicator of when you need water. If you are thirsty you are already dehydrated.

Water is the best way to stay hydrated. And if you have to hydrate, might as well use AF tap water! Sports drinks with electrolytes may be needed for those involved in vigorous sports or exercise but can also contain a lot of sugar. Fruits and vegetables that have a high water content should not be used in place of drinking water.

For more information visit: www.heart.org and search “Staying Hydrated-Staying Healthy.”

For many years Utah has had water restrictions in an effort to conserve water during times of drought. In reality these “restrictions” constitute proper management of water, regardless of drought levels. According to the Division of Natural Resources, even during “water restrictions” most people use twice as much water as their lawns need.

For that reason American Fork will maintain its sprinkler watering schedule, which is Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday for addresses that end in an even number, and Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for addresses that end in an odd number. Residents are allowed to spot water on Sundays, giving them a total of 4 allowable watering days during the week. This is done to maintain proper water management and water pressure for all American Fork residents.

To learn more, contact the Pressurized Irrigation team at 801-763-3060 or visit our website at afcity.org.
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<td>Fatherhood Class</td>
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<td>One Book, One American Fork—Sweden Night!</td>
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<td>Community Partners in Policing</td>
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<td>Creative Cooking Class</td>
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**City Council** meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays for each month at 7:30 p.m. Details about these, and other city and community events are also listed on [www.afcity.org](http://www.afcity.org), Twitter and Facebook.