

# IRRIGATION

NEWS FOR SRP AGRICULTURAL & OTHER URBAN SHAREHOLDERS | WINTER 2024



## Mark Your Calendars

Each year, shareholders are required by law to report the type and quantity of irrigation water used on land with grandfathered irrigation rights to the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR). Soon, shareholders will receive a summary of their 2024 water use from SRP, including the amount of groundwater and surface water delivered to your land. If you have not received SRP data regarding your 2024 water use by Friday, Feb. 28, please call **(602) 236-5011** or email [waterdel@srpnet.com](mailto:waterdel@srpnet.com). To file online with ADWR or if you have questions, visit [new.azwater.gov](http://new.azwater.gov). The deadline to file is March 31, 2025.

## Irrigation Payments Due



All bills for excess water received in 2024 must be paid by Feb. 21 to avoid an interruption of irrigation service. Any water received beyond the amount shareholders have paid for is considered excess water. If you have any questions about your bill, please visit [srp.net/waterpricing](http://srp.net/waterpricing) or call SRP at **(602) 236-3333**.

## SRP Reservoirs at 74%

As of Dec. 4, 2024, the SRP reservoir system was **74%** full at **1,509,850** acre-feet in storage. A year ago, the total system was **81%** full. On the Salt River system, we have four reservoirs: Roosevelt, Apache, Canyon and Saguaro lakes. On the Verde River system, we have two reservoirs: Horseshoe and Bartlett.

Stay up to date on reservoir levels daily at [watershedconnection.com](http://watershedconnection.com).

Source: [watershedconnection.com](http://watershedconnection.com)  
Data is accurate as of Dec. 4, 2024.

## Fiber Optics and Private Irrigation Systems

In today's interconnected world, fiber optics have become an essential part of our communications infrastructure. These thin strands of glass or plastic transmit light signals over long distances, enabling high-speed data transmission with minimal loss. While fiber optics are primarily associated with telecommunications and internet services, their presence near private irrigation systems can have significant implications.

### Ensuring Safety and Coordination

The installation of fiber optics near private irrigation systems requires careful planning and coordination to avoid disruptions. Because private irrigation

systems are not part of Arizona 811, they are not marked before construction. If you become aware of fiber installation near your neighborhood irrigation system, you should contact the contractor doing the work and let them know there is infrastructure in the planned construction area. Work directly with the contractor to come up with a solution that mitigates irrigation disruption. Contact your city planning and permitting department for information related to the fiber installation. Contact an SRP Field Services Liaison if you need help locating the private irrigation system or if you are unsuccessful in locating the contractor. For additional information and to watch our irrigation webinar, visit [srp.net/irrigationhelp](http://srp.net/irrigationhelp).



# Canal Safety Reminder: Enjoy the Weather, Stay Safe!

Enjoy SRP canal paths while walking, jogging or biking. Make the most of these beautiful pathways and stay safe with the help of our canal map at [srp.net/canals](http://srp.net/canals). As we embrace the lovely weather this season, it's important to remember the safety measures that keep our canals enjoyable for everyone. Always maintain a safe distance

from the edges of the canals and never swim in them, as unseen currents can be dangerous. Teach children about canal safety and never jump in to rescue pets or objects; instead, call 911 for help. By following these guidelines and working together, we can fully appreciate the canals while ensuring a safe and pleasant experience for all.



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## Educational Grants and Scholarship Opportunities

A brighter tomorrow for Arizona starts with investing in education. That's why SRP provides more than \$200,000 annually in direct classroom funding through our classroom grants program. To explore the grants we offer or to learn how SRP supports schools and education-related nonprofits through corporate contributions, visit [srp.net/grant](http://srp.net/grant).



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