



October 2025 Newsletter

Please submit questions/comments to admin@sallal.com.

Board Vacancy	<p>A board seat has become vacant due to the resignation of Denise Smutny. Denise has served as President of Sallal’s Board for the past few years, helping to facilitate the Water Supply Agreement between Sallal and North Bend, secure state funding for the project, and streamlining Board processes. The Board will appoint a member to Denise’s vacancy who shall hold office until the next annual member meeting in March of 2026, at which time the members will vote to elect a trustee for the unexpired term of 24 months. If you are an individual member in good standing, would like to be considered by the Board to fill the vacancy, and can dedicate at least 10 hours a month to Board service, please submit a bio to admin@sallal.com or mail to Sallal Water Association Attn: Board Vacancy, PO Box 378, North Bend, WA 98045. Your submittal must be received by Sallal no later than 4 p.m. on Tuesday, November 11, 2025. Interviews will be held by the Board at the November 18th Board Meeting.</p>
Staff Update	<p>Please join us in welcoming Hunter Cooks and Carlos Oros as our new water operators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Hunter plays multiple instruments and loves working on and driving old cars. He is very excited to be a part of the team keeping our water clean and our system running smoothly. ❖ Carlos enjoys spending time with family at home, enjoys the outdoors, working on his vehicles, and home projects. He moved back to Washington after living 13 years in North Dakota working in the oil and gas industries. He is excited to be working in North Bend amongst the mountains and wildlife. He is looking forward to being a part of this community and helping to improve Sallal’s water system.
Account Options	<p>Accessing your account online is quick and easy and allows 24/7 access. To sign up for this service, go to https://sallal.epayub.com/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2F or follow the red “Pay Online” link from our website at http://www.sallal.com/billing</p> <p>Click on “REGISTER” in the top right of the screen and use your Sallal account number to register. You will need to create a username and password.</p>
Member Education – Fall Preparation	<p>As we are fully embracing fall and looking towards winter, please help our staff work safely and efficiently by keeping your meter boxes/areas clear of debris.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cover/insulate your outside spigots. • Wrap pipes that are exposed to outside with pipe foam or heat tape (check with your local hardware store). • Whenever the outside temperature drops below 32F, leave an internal faucet dripping (slowly). • If you have an irrigation system, call your service company to have them winterize your system.

**Member
Education -
Freezing
Meters**

Luckily, it is rare that a meter freezes in the winter at Sallal. Sallal's meters are in meter boxes that are flush with the ground and are well insulated with the soil around them. It is rare for our customers to have their meter freeze if they are using water daily. If a meter does freeze, often the property is vacant, or the homeowner is on vacation during a very cold spell. However, if you feel the need to insulate your water meter to keep it from freezing, **DO NOT** use fiberglass insulation. Once fiberglass insulation becomes wet it has no insulation value, and it becomes a mess. To insulate your meter, you need some sort of flexible closed cell insulation (foam) that retains its' insulation value even when wet. Surprisingly, certain packing materials work well for meter insulation. The white foam sheets you sometimes get around new electronics are good insulation. Please contact us if you have any questions.