



CITY OF IRONWOOD WATER SYSTEM

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The City of Ironwood wants to keep you up to date with the status of our water system. We want to help answer some of the most frequently asked questions and to give you a snapshot of the municipal water system.

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Where does my drinking water come from?

The City of Ironwood municipal drinking water comes from six wells located 3 miles north of the City Limits.

What does the City of Ironwood Water System Consist of?

The City of Ironwood water system is made up of six wells, approximately 65 miles of underground water main, a 2.3 million gallon storage tank on the top of Mount Zion and a 150,000 gallon elevated tank (smiley face tank) in the Jessieville location.

How many people and accounts contribute to the water system?

The City of Ironwood has approximately 2,750 water accounts that service approximately 5,200 residents. The City of Ironwood also provides water to the City of Hurley. The City of Hurley serves approximately 1,500 residents.

History

The City water system was constructed in the early 1900's and serviced a population of over 15,000 residents. Although the size of the system has remained the same, the current population on the water system is approximately 5,200 residents.

New Infrastructure

Over the past nine years, over 80,000 lineal feet of new water main has been installed in the City. This is approximately 35% of the water pipes located in the City. This work has resulted in a reduction of water main breaks from around 50 breaks/year on average, to less than 15 breaks/year.

New Investment

The City Commission is requesting proposals from engineering firms to develop a preliminary engineering report. The report will evaluate potential options and costs associated with the development of a new municipal water treatment facility. A water treatment facility will help eliminate the periodic discoloration in the water.

If you have any questions regarding the City water system, please contact the City of Ironwood Water Department at (906) 932-5050.

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