

## Water Pressure Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Has the water pressure in my neighborhood increased?**

A: No, the pressure in our system can vary by a few pounds per square inch (psi) throughout the day and the year, but otherwise our pressures do not change. Pressures vary throughout our system, from as low as 35 psi to over 120 psi.

**Q: Do I need to install a pressure regulating valve at my house?**

A: If you are working with a plumber, it's a good idea to have them check your pressure and install a pressure regulator if your pressure exceeds 80 psi.

**Q: What if I hear running water or other noise when I don't have any faucets or other fixtures turned on?**

A: You can contact Missoula Water at 406-552-6700, and we'll come out to your house to investigate and try to determine if you have a leak in your service line. If so, we'll provide you with information on what you can do to fix it. If you have any leaks within your home, you will need to contact a plumber to look at the problem and determine a solution.

**Q: What if I have a puddle or standing water in my yard but my irrigation/sprinkler system is shut off for the winter?**

A: You could have a leaking service line, which carries water from the water main to your house or structure. The property owner is responsible for maintaining and repairing water service lines, in accordance with City code ([Missoula Municipal Code 13.30.240 and 13.30.340](#)). The property owner would need to contact an excavation company to dig up the old service line and replace it with a new one.

