



Nooks, crannies and shelving can be put to good use for the storage buff.

Pumphouse a veritable storage gold mine

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Superintendents are always trying to find ways to more efficiently use the maintenance facilities, and space utilization usually tops the list. Irrigation pipe, parts and accessories take quite a bit of space which could be used for other storage.

The irrigation system pump house is usually a covered building in most parts of the country — insulated and heated in the transition zone and Northern climates. Most pump house buildings do a

good job protecting irrigation pumps and assorted electrical hardware, but do nothing more.

The modern pumphouse is built 1 to 3 feet wider and 2 to 3 feet longer to accommodate shelving for all fittings, wire and even 20-foot lengths of all diameter pipe if the building is long enough.

Some pump houses have a workbench, with vise; a telephone jack to program the new



computer-operated pumps, or to simply call the pump manufacturer to help with problems; extra space for a

chemigation system for fertilizers,

acid injection and pesticides; and sometimes even room for the irrigation technician's work vehicle.

Some supers also store their portable gasoline-powered trash pumps; hand-operated diaphragm pumps; gasoline-powered electrical generators; irrigation rolls of hose; food for swans, ducks, etc.; spare field controllers and even 10-foot sections of drainage pipe; drainage fittings; and even a small trencher. Other storable items include a rod and transit; wire locator; pulser; metal detector; shovels, sod strippers, etc.; quick couplers; gate valve keys; isolation valve keys in a nice organized fashion.

Probably one of the greatest assets, besides proper space use, is the irrigation technician will check the pumps twice a day, at the beginning and end of the work day.

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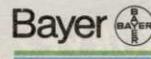
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