

Important Information Regarding Secondary Water Meters

Qualifications:

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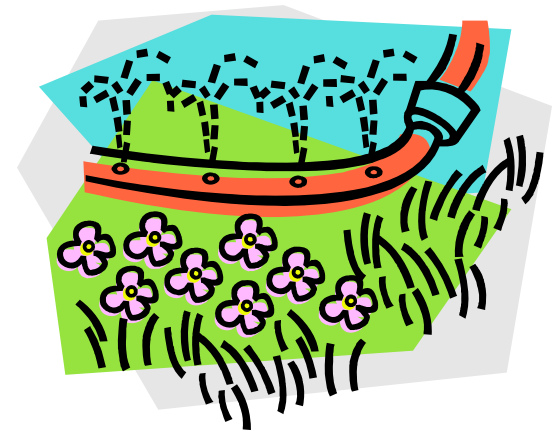
- Must have a Town Water and Town Sewer Account (exception is a water well user with Town Sewer).

To obtain a Secondary Water Meter you will need to complete the following:

- Obtain and complete “Water Application” from the Community and Economic Development Office (999 Whipple Road)
 - Application Fee: \$85.00 (residential) and \$125.00 (commercial)
 - Standard Meter, MTU & Installation: \$255.00
 - **Residential Total: \$340.00**
- Hire a responsible Licensed Plumber to complete the following key items:
 - Pull a Plumbing Permit: \$30.00
 - Drawings for the permit of proposed plumbing alterations, showing all pipes, valves, means and materials involved
 - Once approved, Plumber can coordinate with DPW for water shut off (if needed) and set spacing for meter to be installed by the DPW.
 - Plumbing inspector will do a final inspection.
 - DPW will install Secondary Water Meter. If the location has not been part of the Water Meter Change Out Program (for Primary Water Meters), then the DPW will install a new Primary Water Meter also.

Be aware of the following:

- Use of Secondary Water Meters are only permitted between April 1st – October 31st. So, you may want to consider having your plumber leave a spigot plumbed to your primary line for purposes of washing your car or construction work.
- You will not pay sewer on the water used through the Secondary Water Meter; however after 70,000 gallons, your water rate will increase by an added conservation rate for gallons used in excess of 70,000.***
- All irrigation systems will be required to have an operable rain sensor switch as well as a backflow prevention device. The backflow prevention device will be tested annually by the DPW which will cost the system owner \$35.00 per year. Since the Town bills water and sewer semi-annually, this charge will be split into two charges of \$17.50.



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