



## QUICK GUIDE: IRRIGATION METERS

If you use a significant amount of water for outdoor irrigation purposes, the Precinct offers customers the option to install an irrigation meter that is separate from domestic water service and therefore not charged sewer fees. There are a few steps required for an irrigation meter:

- The property owner must hire a licensed plumber to install interior plumbing that separates the property's domestic service (pipes feeding regular use inside the building) from outdoor services (irrigation systems, outdoor spigots/sill cocks, etc.). As part of the plumbing work, the plumber must also install a backflow preventer (if not installed already), a shutoff, and a meter connection for the outdoor services.
- The property owner may then contact the Precinct to have an inspection of the new plumbing and purchase an irrigation water meter for install. The cost of the meter varies depending on the cost we're able to purchase them from the distributor for at that time – please call for up to date pricing.

The following is a breakdown of costs associated with an irrigation service:

- An irrigation meter carries a standard base fee, just like your regular water service meter.
  - Residential: \$60 per quarter.
  - Commercial: Varies by meter size (see water rates for breakdown), charged each month.
- There is no base water use included with an irrigation meter. You pay for all water consumed through the meter at a rate of \$3.25 for each 1,000 gallons of water usage.
- There is no sewer charge for water used through the irrigation meter.
- You may inactivate the service for billing cycles where you do not plan to use the meter to avoid the monthly/quarterly base charge.

We encourage each property owner interested in an irrigation meter to determine for themselves if the additional cost of the irrigation service meter saves them money over just using their domestic service. In general, we've found that it is more likely to make financial sense for those who use large quantities of irrigation water (for example, more than 15,000 gallons per quarter in a residential account).