



## Deduction Meter Policy For Use with Town of Tiverton Permitted Irrigation System Only

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### Purpose

On May 27, 2015, the Tiverton Wastewater District (TWWD) Board of Directors passed a resolution to allow for a deduction meter policy that would apply to sewer users who also have irrigation systems permitted by the Town of Tiverton. This policy sets forth procedures and rules that allow sewer users with these irrigation systems to install a water meter specifically used to measure water flow to an outdoor irrigation system so that flow may be excluded in the calculation of sewer use fees.

### Program Requirements

- Deduct meter may only be installed within homes or businesses that have a town permitted irrigation system.
- Meters must be installed on the pipe that provide service to the irrigation system immediately before the irrigation system backflow preventer. The meter must be installed so as to only meter consumption of water going out to the irrigation system and would not allow for additional stubs off the pipe after the point of the meter.
- Meters must be installed by a licensed plumber and inspected by the town plumbing inspector and TWWD upon completion of the work. We advise your plumber to contact the town plumbing inspector prior to doing any work to 1) obtain a plumbing permit and 2) confirm with the plumbing inspector the correct configuration. A copy of the permit with the final inspection signoff must be provided with this application.
- Residents must report meter readings to the TWWD office as follows:
  - Meter readings three times per year – End of March, beginning of April for the beginning reading, a mid season reading around the end of June/beginning of July and the final reading the end of September
  - Residents must email a picture of their meter with the meter reading to the TWWD office. [info@twwd.org](mailto:info@twwd.org)
  - Residents who fail to provide a meter reading for more than 9 months forfeit their deduction for that period. (This is due to our need to pay Fall River for usage in a timely manner based on metered readings.)
  - TWWD will provide offset adjustments to billings for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter billings accordingly.
- Property owners must arrange for and allow TWWD to inspect the irrigation system deduction meter every 2 years to confirm the integrity of the meter itself and that there has been no reconfiguration of piping at or around the service area. In addition, TWWD will reserve the right to inspect the meter at any time.

Costs and Fees:

All costs and fees are as of July 2021 and are subject to change.

*One Time Fees – Initial Installation and Set Up*

Item	Cost	Description
Meter*		Manufacturer: Badger Model 25 with Manual Register, 5/8in x 3/4 in. Or suitable equivalent.
Town of Tiverton Plumbing Permit	See Town of Tiverton Website for current fees	Required by the town for any plumbing alterations
TWWD initial application and inspection fee	\$150.00	Set up deduction account, assign meter, inspect meter after initial installation.
Licensed Plumber Installation	Property owner is solely responsible for hiring a licensed plumber and all associated costs. TWWD does not secure plumbing services and is not responsible for any plumbing costs in the event the work does not pass inspection.	

\* Make and model must be approved by TWWD.

*Ongoing Fees*

Annual Deduct Meter Fee	\$35.00/quarter	Paid to TWWD to cover additional administrative work and onsite inspections to monitor the program.
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*Penalties*

If upon inspection, TWWD finds the meter and/or plumbing have been tampered or readings have been falsely reported, TWWD can impose fines of up to \$500 plus unreported usage fees and loss of participation in the program in the future.

I understand and agree to abide by the above Deduct Meter Policy and fee schedule.

Property Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY**

Inspected By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

TWWD Account #: \_\_\_\_\_ Deduct Meter Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_ Initial Reading: \_\_\_\_\_