



Hooksett Village Water Precinct

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PRECINCT DEDUCT METER POLICY

- (1) The Precinct assists customers with meters which can be used for deduction on their sewer bill in certain applications, usually in association with irrigation systems. Please see the Hooksett Sewer Commission website for information on their Deduct Meter Policy.
- (2) The customer's plumber shall supply meter horns and other adapters/fittings as needed to install the deduct meter. The customer shall contact our office to order and pay for an approved deduct meter prior to installation, and to review our deduct meter policy. The customer's plumber shall obtain a permit from the Town and install the meter horn on the line going outside, downstream from the existing domestic water meter. Ball valve shutoffs shall be located both above and below the meter horn. Unless a waiver is granted by the Precinct, a Precinct-approved RPZ backflow preventer shall be placed after the meter horn. Once the Town has signed off on the installation permit, please call the Precinct for a meter installation appointment and submit a copy of the permit and picture of the horn/RPZ.
- (3) The customer will be charged for the installation in accordance with the Precinct's current fee schedule. A 24-hour notice is required for a change in appointment time/date, or an additional call-back charge will be paid by the customer. Once the deduct meter is installed, the Sewer Department will be notified that the meter is in place. During the installation, the initial backflow device inspection/test will also be completed. Once the backflow device has passed inspection, water may be allowed through the meter.
- (4) The Precinct reads deduct meters quarterly and supplies the readings to the Sewer Department for credit. Each deduct meter carries an annual fee payable to the Precinct, included on the customer's quarterly water bills. If you have a deduct meter that was installed prior to 2016, you should replace it. New meters allow more accurate tracking of irrigation water use so that you receive full credit on your sewer bill. New meters also allow you to track water usage yourself online and for us to work together to spot leaks extremely quickly. This can save you hundreds or thousands of dollars because irrigation leaks are often large and frequently go undetected for extended periods of time.
- (5) The backflow preventer shall be tested annually during the period when the irrigation system is operated (as required by State of NH), at the customer's expense, by the Precinct or its pre-approved backflow testing contractor. The Precinct or its contractor will coordinate the initial setup and ongoing testing. If repairs to the device are necessary, they may be performed by our contractor or any State-approved backflow testing and repair company. Once the customer is informed that the device has failed inspection, it must be repaired immediately and the Precinct provided certification of the repair by the company performing the work. Any situations deemed as highly hazardous by the Precinct will not be allowed to continue and the Precinct has the right to discontinue water service.

If you need further assistance, please call the Precinct at (603) 485-3392.