

Policy and Fees for Deduct (Irrigation) Meters

Approved February 8, 2010

The following fees shall apply to deduct meters:

Application, inspection of installation and account set-up	\$ 100.00
Deduct water meter provided by Water Department	\$ 275.00
Replacement of deduct water meter every ten years	\$ 275.00
Annual backflow device testing (by Water Department)	\$ 50.00
Annual fee for meter reading, processing and billing	\$ 25.00

The following policies shall apply to deduct meters:

1. Any customer that has a connection to the Town sewer will be allowed to purchase a deduct meter.
2. All deduct meters shall be installed in conjunction with a backflow prevention device, which shall be inspected and/or tested once per year in the spring. Failure to have the backflow device inspected and/or tested prior to the spring meter reading shall result in termination of the deduct meter approval for the year.
3. Installation of the deduct meter, backflow device and all plumbing modifications shall be at the customer's expense, completed by a licensed plumber, and conform to all applicable plumbing codes. A copy of the plumbing permit shall be provided to the Water Department prior to activation of the account.
4. In accordance with Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection policy, the customer's meter shall be replaced every ten years. Replacement shall be at the customer's expense.
5. If a customer's meter fails for any reason, it is the customer's responsibility to replace the meter at the customer's expense. The customer may purchase a meter elsewhere, but it shall meet the Department's specifications.
6. At any time, the Department reserves the right to inspect the property to ensure that the installation and use is in conformance with this policy and any applicable codes and regulations.
7. The deduction on the customer's sewer bill(s) covers the summer billing period (generally April through September).
8. The Groveland Water & Sewer Department reserves the right to terminate the use of a customer's deduct meter for violation of this Policy and/or the rules of the Department.
9. All existing deduct meters in place at the time of approval of this Policy are required to conform to this Policy prior to the spring 2010 meter reading.

Customer Signature

Superintendent's Sign off

Permit Number

Office Manager's Sign off

Attach a copy of Approved Plumbing Permit