



**Town of Groveland  
Water and Sewer Department  
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May 22, 2009

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners reviewed the Departments policy regarding irrigation water meters, also known as “deduct” meters. The previous policy decision enacted in 2008 was to disallow installation of any new irrigation meters that are used as a means to reduce a customer’s sewer bill. Existing irrigation meters were grandfathered, with no policy to discontinue them.

The new policy will require that all existing irrigation meters be discontinued following the fall 2009 billing period. New irrigation meters are still not allowed. The Board voted the modified policy by a vote of two in favor and one against after a lengthy discussion on May 4, 2009.

The Board did agree that the summer 2009 billing season will be the last season of use for any resident that already has an irrigation meter. After the fall 2009 billing those meters will no longer be read. We feel by not allowing any outside meters we are being consistent and fair. This was a very difficult decision to make but the department in the business of providing potable water to all that want it during all seasons. With increasing non-essential water use, we felt that it was appropriate to enact this policy to protect the Town’s water resources from overuse. The Commission is looking to the future for all the residents of Groveland.

Your summer bill will look the same, with the deduction taken from your sewer bill, in 2010 there will no longer be a sewer deduction.

Sincerely,  
Bruce W. Adams, Chair  
James M. Sheehan  
John G. Willett  
Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners