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Irrigation Meters

What is an irrigation meter?

An Irrigation meter is a water meter that is specifically designated for water purposes that do not drain into a sanitary sewer system. Although typically used to connect to an irrigation/sprinkler system, irrigation meters can also be used without an irrigation system.

Who can benefit from an irrigation meter?

Any customer who is connected to a sanitary sewer service and who uses a large volume of water for irrigation or seasonal purposes may find an irrigation meter economical. The charge for water is the same whether you use a domestic meter or an irrigation meter; the real savings is in the wastewater charges, since sewer bills are calculated based on your domestic water meter's usage. And, since wastewater fees are typically significantly higher than water rates, you could be looking at a significant savings if you use a lot of water for irrigation purposes.

How do you determine when it's more economical for an irrigation meter?

There are a few factors to consider when deciding whether or not an irrigation meter will add up to savings for you. All of the information provided below assumes the residential and irrigation meters are sized at $\frac{3}{4}$ "; larger meters result in different rates and minimum charges.

- Tap fee – If you've never had an irrigation meter installed at your property, you will have to pay for a new Water Tap. At our 2025 rates, a water tap for a $\frac{3}{4}$ " meter (typical size for domestic purposes) is \$2,313.00.
- Meter deposit – To establish a new account for an irrigation meter, there is a deposit that varies with size. This deposit is refundable at the time the account is de-activated (from termination of service, moving, etc.).
- Minimum charge – When the meter is on, there is a minimum monthly charge that varies due to size of meter and services provided to that service address.
- Wastewater rates – Chandler Wastewater has lower rates than many of the surrounding wastewater utilities. With this in mind, it would be advisable to find out what the specific rates are in your area to determine your overall wastewater savings through use of an irrigation meter. Chandler Wastewater 2025 rates are \$11.63 per 1,000 gallons of metered water usage for customers outside the town limits and \$10.13 for customers living within the town limits of Chandler. (No Chandler Water customers who are connected to Newburgh Sewer are located within the town limits of Newburgh).
- Water rates – Chandler Water rates vary dependent on sizing of meter but, irrigation meters are separate from the domestic meter. So, a customer would not get billed for wastewater charges when using an irrigation meter.

Water meters and meter pits are owned and maintained by Chandler Utilities and are for maintenance purposes only; access of a water meter pit by any unauthorized personnel can result in fines and legal action.