







Irrigation/Deduct Meter Information Sheet (Residential Only)

Dear Customer:

In order to assist our customers with reducing the costs of their sanitary sewer bills, the City of Lebanon can provide an irrigation/deduct meter. This meter is installed after the residential water meter and is used to measure the flow of water (lawn sprinkler systems) that does not reach the sanitary sewer system. Since this water will not reach the sanitary sewer, you will not be billed for sewer usage from water used through the deduct meter. Both water meters will be read on a bi-monthly basis. You will be billed for water use from both meters. However, sewer charges will only be applied to the residential meter.




IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KNOW

Fees

-  Contact the Building Department at 228-3153 to obtain a Comprehensive Permit for the deduct meter and city's inspection of the meter. An installation permit will be issued once the fees are paid and permit approved.
-  The purchase cost for the deduct meter is based on meter size. The standard residential meter (5/8 x 3/4) cost is a one-time charge of **\$220.00**. Inspection fee is **\$30.00**.
-  A monthly minimum fee of **\$5.00** will be billed for the deduct meter.
-  A plumber certified to install and test RPZ backflow devices by the State of Ohio Department of Commerce is required by the City of Lebanon to install a backflow device. The plumber's installation and inspection fee is **not** included in the permit fees issued by the City of Lebanon and will vary depending on the plumber. The plumber's expenses are the responsibility of the Permittee.

The Ohio Department of Commerce maintains a list of certified plumbers on its website at www.com.state.oh.us/ODOC/dic/plans/scripts/bkflogy.htm. You should also look at the list of plumbers on suspension. It is also advisable that you review the plumbers currently on suspension by the State of Ohio when reviewing the list. They can also be contacted at 1-614-644-3153.

Procedure

-  The Permittee (owner of the property) applies at the City of Lebanon Building and Zoning Division for a Comprehensive Permit and pays the \$220 meter fee and the \$30 inspection fee. The new account for the deduct meter must be in the same name as the person who is billed for the residential meter usage.
-  The Building Department will issue a work order to the Water Department notifying them that a request has been made for the installation of a sewer deduct meter.
-  The Permittee hires a plumber to install a RPZ backflow device and meter setting. The typical price range for a plumber to perform this work is between **\$200 and \$400**. The plumber will be required to perform an initial test on the backflow device when it is first installed to ensure it is operating correctly. Either the Permittee or the Plumber must call the Water Department (513-228-3600) at least 24-hours in advance of the test. A member of the Water Department will be onsite to install the deduct meter and observe

the test. Upon completion and passing of the test, two copies of the testing report will be given to the Water Department member onsite. **The deduct meter cannot be used until the backflow device is operating properly.**

☐ **On a yearly basis,** you will be required to have the backflow device tested by a plumber certified by the State of Ohio Department of Commerce to test backflow devices. Therefore, on an annual basis, you could spend between **\$70 and \$165.00** or more for the deduct meter.

☐ Every five (5) years, the Ohio EPA requires the backflow device to be reconstructed. The device will need to be reconstructed by a plumber certified by the State of Ohio Department of Commerce. The cost to rebuild the backflow device is your responsibility.

If at anytime the backflow device fails to operate properly, the deduct meter will be locked out of service until repairs are completed, inspected, and approved.

(Attach copy of inside and outside drawings)