

Irrigation Changes

Subtraction Meters



If you are one of the many CFPUA customers that expressed an interest in a separate irrigation meter only to find that your line was too small to be split or that the cost at that time was prohibitive, there may be a new option to consider.

Customers interested in CFPUA water for irrigation purposes now have an option to install a separate meter behind their domestic meter. This ‘subtraction meter’ subtracts the amount of water you use for irrigation from the billing for water used for your other household purposes.

The water that passes through this separate subtraction meter is charged the irrigation rate and there are currently no associated sewer charges or monthly fixed charges. If eligible for installation, your costs will include a CFPUA meter set fee and other associated plumbing costs as determined by your licensed plumber.

But there are some things you need to check first. Consult with your plumber to see if this will work for your property, i.e. provide adequate flow and pressure, etc. You will also need to make sure your existing backflow preventer is located and connected properly; or, if you do not currently have a backflow preventer, you will need to install one.

You will also need to ensure that if a second meter is installed that there is ample and safe access for CFPUA meter readers.

For more information, to determine eligibility, or to start the subtraction meter request process, contact CFPUA Customer Service Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at (910) 332-6550. A plumbing permit will also be required from New Hanover County. Approved installation information is available at CFPUA Customer Service or online at www.cfpua.org.

