

## Secondary Irrigation Meters - General Information

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- A. The homeowner must hire a licensed plumber to change the plumbing in their house:
  - a) A plumbing permit is required by the Building Division. A P-1 contractor is needed to pull permit. <https://www.middletonct.gov/188/Building-Division>
  - b) Use the meter tree detail for the irrigation meter installation. Include separate shut offs for each meter and a main shut off valve.  
<https://www.middletonct.gov/DocumentCenter/View/19936/Irrigation-Meter-Detail>
  - c) A backflow prevention device (RPZ or PVB) shall be installed after the irrigation meter
  - d) Irrigation plumbing shall not be interconnected in any way to the domestic plumbing. City will shut off service if a connection exists.
  - e) Irrigation requiring a service larger than 1-inch (based on flow) will require a separate service. This would include athletic fields, farming etc.
- B. A permit from the Water and Sewer Department is required for an irrigation meter:
  - a) Homeowner submits the permit application.  
<https://www.middletonct.gov/DocumentCenter/View/19937/Irrigation-Meter-Permit-Application>
  - b) Permit application requires estimated irrigation flows, backflow information and plumbing permit number.
  - c) Homeowner pays the application fee of \$325 ( \$100 permit/inspection fee plus \$225 meter/radio fee)
  - d) Homeowner signs the permit accepting the terms of the permit.
- C. Meter will not be installed until the plumbing work is complete and a permit is pulled with this department. The meter installer will verify that plumbing meets our requirements.
- D. The homeowner will receive two separate bills. One for regular domestic use (water and sewer charges) and for irrigation (water only).
- E. The meter will remain active year round and the owner will receive bills even for months when they are not utilizing their irrigation system. These bills will be subject to minimum billing charges.  
<https://www.middletonct.gov/298/Billing-Division>
- F. The owner must have the backflow preventer inspected annually by a licensed professional and the homeowner shall submit a copy of the passing report to this Department.
- G. Permit Information:
  - a) Website: <https://www.middletonct.gov/1195/Water-Sewer-Permits>
  - b) Call: 860-638-3500