



SPRING VALLEY  
VILLAGE

## HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT GETTING A SEPARATE WATER IRRIGATION METER?

### NOW IS THE TIME SO YOU CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF REDUCED PRICING DURING THE ADVANCED WATER METER PROJECT!

A water irrigation meter is a water meter that exclusively meters water used for outdoor watering and irrigation, and it provides the following benefits:

- Reduced wastewater (sewer) bills because wastewater charges only apply to indoor usage and not to the irrigation meter usage.
- Accurate measurement of outdoor water use.
- Separate shutoff for the irrigation system.



There are additional costs required for purchase of the meter and installation. However, a dedicated irrigation meter pays for itself over time. In general, dedicated irrigation meters are a great benefit to our customers and are encouraged.

#### Could a Water Irrigation Meter save me money in the long run?

If you use a lot of water to irrigate the lawn or garden, you should consider installing an irrigation meter - it registers outside water usage only. Since the water does not enter the sanitary sewer system, you will be billed for water usage only. If you use a lot of water outside the house, this could result in significant savings particularly on your summertime water bills.

#### What will the Water Irrigation Meter cost?

In order to save money in the long run, expect to cover these initial costs associated with installing a water irrigation meter:

- Purchase of additional irrigation meter and cost of the City performing the water tap
- All costs to install the necessary plumbing on your side of the meter
- If installing a new irrigation system, Backflow Prevention Certification testing and the purchase of necessary permits

The City's installation charges for irrigation meters that are installed **during the Advanced Water Meter Project** are:

Short Side Tap (Water main is on the same side of the road as your property)		Long Side Tap (Water main is on the opposite side of the road from your property)	
3/4"	1"	3/4"	1"
\$1,300	\$1,500	\$2,650	\$2,850



**This is reduced pricing that is available during the Automated Water Meter Project, so now is the time to apply for a water irrigation meter. In order to take advantage of this pricing, you must submit an application to the City and pay for the second meter no later than Friday, June 14, 2019.**

If you have questions about which charges would apply to your property, call the Utility Department at (713) 465-8308 or send us an email to [utilities@springvalleytx.com](mailto:utilities@springvalleytx.com).

### **How would I estimate my savings?**

You will need a copy of your account history to estimate your savings. Account history may be obtained online from your utility account <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/springvalleytx/login?returnUrl=%2Fspringvalleytx%2Futilities>, by calling the Utility Department at (713) 465-8308, or by emailing us at [utilities@springvalleytx.com](mailto:utilities@springvalleytx.com). Once you have your account history, highlight all the sewer charges for your home for the past year. A good estimate of inside sewer use is to look at a bill from the winter months.

**Example:** An average monthly sewer cost in the winter is \$100.00. Now look at the sewer costs during a month when you water outside. Say this amount is \$300.00. The savings on that bill would have been \$200.00 that month if a water irrigation meter had been installed.

### **How long will it take for me to see a return on my investment if I purchase a water irrigation meter?**

Generally, the return on investment for a typical Spring Valley Village water user will vary between 3 and 5 years. Once you have estimated your annual savings, divide the total cost for the water irrigation meter installation by your annual estimated savings and you will have the number of years for you to see a return on your investment.

### **What do I need to know about installation?**

If you are installing a new irrigation system, you will need a person certified by the State of Texas to perform backflow preventer testing. If only using outside spigots, they must be newer anti-siphon style and no certification is required. After the backflow preventer test has been completed successfully, call 713-465-8308 to set up an appointment to have the Utility Department install the new meter. A copy of the certification must be provided at the time of meter installation. The meter installation service call is included in the price of the additional meter.

The water irrigation meter usage will be billed as a separate line item on your utility bill.

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