

Water and Pollution Control Department

Water Meter Division, 300 East Fifth Street, Building 2

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INFORMATION ON YARD METER

This informational guide will help you through the process of obtaining a special yard meter. A sketch of a typical yard meter installation is included to show how the meters may be installed. If at any time you have questions, please refer to the telephone numbers listed below for further assistance.

1. The meter is supplied by the City.
2. Customer pays a setting fee for the meter. The meter remains the property of the City and will be maintained by the City in the same manner as other meters. The fee is set by City Council and is based on meter size. Contact Water Meter Division at 515-239-5151 for current fees.
3. There must be a house meter, and then the yard meter immediately after.
4. A remote register may be required for the yard meter. The customer is responsible for installing a 22/3 stranded, shielded wire to the location of the remote register(s), adjacent to the electric meter outdoors.
5. The yard meter is a permanent installation; no winter disconnect.
6. The monthly service charge is set by City Council. Contact Utility Customer Service in the Finance Department at 515-239-5120 for current fees.
7. If a lawn irrigation system is present on the property, an approved backflow prevention assembly must be installed. Contact the Water Meter Division at 515-239-5151 to obtain information about requirements for backflow protection.
8. Procedure. Obtain a plumbing permit.

If the property owner intends to personally do the plumbing to accommodate the yard meter, the owner must apply for a plumbing permit from the Inspection Department.

If the property owner hires a plumber to do the plumbing to accommodate the yard meter, the plumber must apply for a plumbing permit from the Inspection Department.

The Inspection Division is located at City Hall/Community Center, 515 Clark. Their hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

9. The fee for the plumbing permit is set by City Council. The current permit fee can be determined by contacting the Inspection Division at 515-239-5153.
10. Next, the customer must contact Utility Customer Service in the Finance Department at 515-239-5120 to arrange for utility billing and to request the yard meter.
11. After the plumbing and wiring are completed, the installation must be inspected by the Inspection Division at 515-239-5153.

(Further instructions on back)

The customer must contact Utility Customer Service in the Finance Department to arrange for utility billing and to request the meter.

UTILITY CUSTOMER SERVICE

515 Clark Avenue

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

Phone: 515-239-5120

The customer must call the Water Meter Division to schedule an appointment to have the yard meter installed. Meters will be set as soon as possible depending on work schedule; in most cases, this can be scheduled within three working days.

WATER METER DIVISION

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