



Residential Sewer Usage Credit and Deduct Meter Information

The City of Glendale Winter 2016-2017 newsletter presented information about residential sewer usage being based on actual water usage each quarter instead of using just the winter quarter water usage. The most common questions relate to filling swimming pools or other outdoor water uses, such as watering, lawn irrigation, or creating an ice rink since that water does not enter the sanitary sewer system.

The Glendale Water Utility has created an *Application for Annual Sewer Usage Credit* form which is available on the Water Utility website at www.glendale-wi.org/water. This form provides the ability to apply for a credit for high water use activities such as filling a swimming pool, without installing a deduct meter. It is important to understand that this credit is only for the initial pool filling, or ice rink creation, and not for the continued maintenance of each.

Many residents have in-ground lawn irrigation systems or do a significant amount of landscape watering. In these cases, it may be beneficial to install a secondary water meter to track this type of water use. The secondary meter is called a “deduct water meter” and is used to accurately measure the amount of water not going into the sanitary sewer system, resulting in a sewer use credit.

Questions that have already been asked about this type of water meter are:

Q - What is the cost of this meter and where can it be purchased?

A - *The cost for a 5/8” meter is \$140.00 and the cost for a 1” meter is \$215.00. Meters can only be purchased from the Glendale Water Utility Department. A plumbing permit (\$84.00) and electrical permit (fee waived in most instances) will be required. (Installation costs for plumber and electrician are responsibility of the property owner.)*

Q - We do a lot of garden watering, but do not have an in-ground lawn irrigation system. How can our water use for this type of activity be calculated?

A - *If you are only using one external water faucet for yard or garden watering, a secondary meter can be added to that faucet. If multiple outdoor faucets are being used, a plumber may be needed to create a special water line for only the outside faucets that can then be used to monitor this type of water use.*

Q - How much money will be saved using a deduct water meter?

A - *The amount of money saved depends on how much water is actually being used for these outdoor activities. As examples:*

<u>Annual Water Usage</u>	<u>Annual Savings (Approximate)</u>
25,000 gallons	\$ 90.00
50,000 gallons	\$180.00
100,000 gallons	\$360.00

The Glendale Water Utility is committed to providing all city residents with the highest quality water service possible. This information will assist you in reviewing the new policy and decide if the installation of a deduct water meter is appropriate for your home.