



**SPRING VALLEY**  
VILLAGE

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

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?

The best way to save money is to conserve the water you use, but if you use 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 Device, Certification testing, and the purchase of necessary permits

The City's installation charges for irrigation meters 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



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.

The water irrigation meter usage will be billed as a separate line item, at the top of your utility bill, as seen below. In this example both customers used a total of 16,000 Gallons of water. In the top example 9,000 of the 16,000 Gallons were used via the irrigation meter. This is why the first customer is only billed for 7,000 Gallons of sewer. In the bottom example the customer who also used 16,000 Gallons of water pays sewage for all 16,000 Gallons. This is only an example and individual savings will vary.

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WA	11	20	9000		41.85
WA	4	11	7000		42.72
SW	SEWER		7000		61.33
GA	GARBAGE				19.22
TX	TAX				1.59
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ACTIVE					
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TX	TAX				1.59
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