

At its Tuesday January 15th, 2019 meeting, the Hobart Village Board approved a new Deduct Meter Policy, effective immediately.

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures and policies for the installation of second (deduct) water meters with the intent of more accurately determining water usage. The current "Summer Sewer" credit, which is being eliminated, was based on average water use and not on actual water flowing into the sanitary system. The credit policy did not consider residents who travel out of the area during the winter months or distinguish if some of the credited water use is still being discharged onto the sanitary system, resulting in higher treatment charges for the Village that may not be recovered. In addition, this credit was applied to everyone's water bill, whether they use lawn irrigation or not. This could have resulted in uncovered sewer treatment costs of water incorrectly credited with the current policy.

The Deduct Meter program may cost the homeowner money up front; however, it will provide the Village and resident a true and accurate charge for water used in lawn irrigation and other outdoor uses. This will prevent the resident from paying sewer costs for water not being discharged into the sewer system such as lawn watering and pool filling. The new policy will also provide the Village with more accurate calculations to determine how much water is being used for non-sewer uses to allow accurate billing for the residents. This could aid in determining water and sewer rates and if and how severe water restrictions are required in dry or hot weather.

A plumber is required to modify and install a deduct meter after the existing "master meter". These costs will vary widely based on the difficulty and access to each resident's plumbing and number of outside faucets connected. An application for a second meter must be made prior to installation. Deduct meters have both an installation and quarterly charge based on meter size. The Village shall charge a \$50 fee for the installation of a deduct meter with a scheduled appointment which would include an inspection of the modified plumbing and a cross connection inspection.

Installation of a deduct meter is **NOT** mandatory. You have the option to install one if you choose. The meter will be most beneficial to residents without wells who have irrigation systems, pools, or use a significant amount of water for other purposes outdoors. If a resident does not install a deduct meter, they would be billed the total water usage as sewer usage, **no exceptions**. The deduct policy will be applicable to both commercial and residential accounts.

Please contact the Public Works Department if you would like to install a deduct meter in your home at (920) 869-3815 or susan@hobart-wi.org.

Village of Hobart Deduct Water Meter Guide

- 1. *Determine your estimated costs for installing and maintaining a deduct meter.***
 - a. A plumber will be required to modify your plumbing to install a deduct meter.
 - i. Cost will vary depending on the configuration of your existing plumbing and access to required pipes for deduct meter installation.
 - b. A permit will be required before you start any work.
 - i. A \$50 Permit fee which includes inspection and installation of the meter is required to be filled out before work may commence.
 - c. You will be charged a quarterly fee for the deduct meter.
 - i. This quarterly fee is charged regardless of how much water is recorded through the deduct meter. This is in addition to your existing master meter quarterly fee.
 - ii. Fee for a ¾" meter is \$30 per quarter / 1" meter is \$36. Contact the Village for costs on other size meters.
- 2. *Fill out the required Deduct Meter Permit Application and schedule the work.***
 - a. Permit may be obtained by stopping at the Village offices; 2990 S. Pinetree Rd. or contacting the Village Utility Clerk; 920-869-3815
 - b. Permit must be completed by homeowner and plumber before the start of any work.
 - c. Bring completed permit and \$50 fee to Village office.
 - d. Pick up a meter blank for your plumber from the Village office, this must be installed by your plumber.
 - e. Schedule the work with your plumber.
- 3. *Contact the Village Utility Clerk to schedule the cross-connection inspection and installation of the deduct meter.***
 - a. Contact the Village Utility Clerk at 920-869-3815 to schedule a time between 7:00am and 1pm M-Thurs for the inspection and installation.
 - b. Typical inspection and installation time is a half hour.
 - c. Meter will not be installed if plumbing is not correct or a possible cross connection violation exists.

In-line Meter Installation Diagram

