

**TOWN OF HINGHAM**  
**MASSACHUSETTS**  
**OFFICE OF THE SEWER COMMISSION**

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**DEDICATED WATER METER POLICY**

The Sewer Commission has a policy regarding the use of separate designated meters for property owners who use large amounts of outside, non-sewer deposited, water for irrigation, pools, or other outdoor activities.

The water measured by this meter is deducted from the total water consumption at the property each year, resulting in a lower sewer use bill.

The following procedure must be followed before a dedicated water meter can be accepted into our system. If the policy isn't followed a credit cannot be given.

- **Contact a plumber**
- **Plumber must pull a permit from the Building Department**
- **Meter must read in CUBIC FEET**
- **Submit a written plan to the Sewer Department that includes a sketch showing the location of the meter in the house and the initial reading on the meter.**

After the plans are received by the Sewer Department, the Supervisor may inspect the installation for compliance with Sewer Department regulations.

Once a year, around November 1st, the Sewer Commission will send out a form for recording the current meter reading. It is the owner's responsibility to see that this reading form gets completed and returned to the Sewer Department before the deadline for returns.

- **Return the form with the reading before November 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.**

If a reading is not returned a credit cannot be given and the adjustment for outside use will be forfeited for that year's billing. If you know that you won't be here to read the meter during October just call the office to request a form before that time. Meter readings can be taken anytime after outside watering has finished for the season.

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