



**SPRINKLER METER OPTIONS**

*Effective 01/01/2024*

A sprinkler meter is used to eliminate sewer charges for water used for lawn watering. There are two ways of getting a sprinkler meter installed. The first and most common is an extra stub, the second is a new tap. The extra stub costs less, which means the time to recover the money spent is less.

**EXTRA STUB – Sprinkler Meter**

An extra stub is an installation of a tee connection in the service line directly in front of the meter on the street side and the installation of another meter immediately adjacent to the domestic meter. Standard extra stub fee is **\$805.00** for a 1" meter, unless installed at the same time as the domestic meter for **\$755.00**.

While both meters are connected through the same line and a pressure drop may be noticeable inside the house when running lawn sprinklers, most people choose this option and schedule their lawn sprinkling at times when inside use is minimal. Standard service line is a 1" plastic (polyethylene) line. Older services may be 3/4" or 1" galvanized and will be replaced with a new 1" PE line automatically at no cost to the customer, whenever an extra stub is requested.

**NEW TAP – Sprinkler Meter**

A new tap is a connection to the water main through an entirely separate service line. The standard tap fee for a 1" tap is **\$1,475.00**. This option will come with a 1" irrigation meter only. The customer will need to stake the location for the new meter. Typically, large sprinkler system installations or installations where the existing meter location is undesirable for connecting to the sprinkler system may require separate taps.

**ACCOUNT HOLDER MUST INITIAL THIS SECTION:**

**Important Note: Huntsville Utilities will install sprinkler meters with a back flow prevention device and meters will be left in the unlocked position. A plumber must then tie the meter into an irrigation system or install a spigot at the meter for water access. \_\_\_\_\_**

Typical flow rates available from a 1" service line range from 20 to 60 gallons per minute, depending upon pressures and length of line (from main to meter). Static pressure at individual services is entirely a function of location and elevation and cannot be changed by Huntsville Utilities. In lower pressure areas (generally higher elevations, such as the tops of hills etc.), a larger service line or private booster pump may be needed to provide significantly increased flows. If you have questions regarding flows and pressures in your area, contact Engineering Services at 535-1315.

Once the sprinkler meter is set by Huntsville Utilities the customer will be billed an availability charge each month based on the size of the meter (1" - \$16.67 or 2" - \$77.87 – effective November 1, 2023).

Please indicate which size sprinkler meter and line you're requesting, and submit your payment to us:

\$805.00 \_\_\_\_\_ for 1" extra stub, or \$1,475.00 \_\_\_\_\_ for 1" new tap

\$3,225.00 \_\_\_\_\_ for 2" extra stub, or \$4,115.00 \_\_\_\_\_ for 2" new tap

Name:	Account Number:
Address:	
Signature:	Date:

*03/29/05 per City of Huntsville Ordinance: Any single-family residence served by more than a single water meter will be billed at a rate greater than a single-family residence.*

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