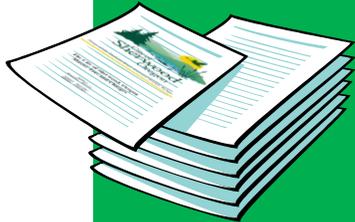


SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES

A System Development Charge (SDC) is a one-time fee to connect a new property to the water system. New connections increase the demand for water and create a need for system upgrades. SDCs are used to offset the cost of system improvements, and can only be spent on new source, transmission mains, pumping stations and reservoirs. In essence, it's "growth" paying for "growth."



The Master Fee Schedule with a full list of all charges is available for review at sherwoodoregon.gov/finance

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

Starting a new account involves more than just turning on the water. Charges for Utility Services will begin when the water service begins at the address AND when a sewer connection permit is completed or a sewer lateral has been installed. Also, commercial and dedicated irrigation meters will remain off and locked until the initial backflow prevention assembly is tested by the City.

Contact the Utility Billing Department to start an account and complete a Service Agreement at 503 925-2315.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Public Works Department.....503 625-5722
15722 SW Willamette St

Utility Billing Department.....503 925-2315
15722 SW Willamette St

Building Department.....503 625-4226
22560 SW Pine St

Water Meter Sizing Worksheet Download
sherwoodoregon.gov/publicworks/page/water-meter-purchase



WATER METER PURCHASE



“Meter Purchasing” refers to buying the right to use the water meter and paying for the demand on the City of Sherwood’s water system. The City owns the physical water meter and the meter tail.

Before Purchasing your Meter

When purchasing your water meter, we will need a copy of the building permit with an address and a completed Water Meter Sizing Worksheet to determine the plumbing fixture count for the home being built. The Water Meter Sizing Worksheet can be found at sherwoodoregon.gov. The size of the water meter will be based upon this fixture count.

We will also ask five additional questions to assist our cross connection department in maintaining the safety of our water system. These questions are:

1. Is there an auxiliary water source, i.e. well, pond or creek at this property? Yes No
2. Is this property going to have an underground irrigation system? Yes No
3. Is this property going to have a fire sprinkler system? Yes No
4. Is this property going to have a decorative water feature (pond or swimming pool)? Yes No
5. Is this property going to have a solar unit or boiler? Yes No

Answering "Yes" on any of these questions may require the installation of a backflow assembly. Call Public Works at 503 625-5722 to schedule an initial test after installment.

Now that you have purchased your water meter...

Please allow 10 days for the City to process the request and install the meter (installation of a service line may take a little longer). Make sure that the meter box is intact and set to grade. This is done when the copper service is installed. Review the additional steps below to ensure a smooth installation.

Your Responsibilities Before Installation

- Make the meter location accessible. Keep the area free of debris.
- Replace a broken or missing meter box. Meter boxes are available at local water works supply outlets. Call the City to verify the current meter box to be replaced and when this is complete. If we arrive to install the meter at your request and the repairs are incomplete, a fee will be assessed.
- Inform the City if you have changed your address or phone number.
- The City will assess a \$150 fine if the plumber connects to the meter stop without a meter at any time.
- The plumber will re-plumb the backside of the direct hookup.
- It may be necessary to stake the location and grade if service is not in a subdivision.
- Complete a Service agreement with the Utility Billing Department.

Protecting the Meter After Installation

Do not tamper with the meter after installation! It's a violation to remove the meter and connect directly to the City service line. A \$500 fine will be assessed.

Removing the meter tailpiece and connecting directly to the meter will result in the City shutting off and locking the meter until appropriate repairs are made by the builder. A fine will be assessed.

A missing or stolen meter will be assessed at the current replacement rate. Payment for the meter replacement must be made at the City office before re-installation.

If you break the curb stop (the shutoff at the meter) you will be billed for the repair. If you damage the City service line you will be billed time and materials for the repair.

Call 503 625-5722 if you need assistance.

