

What Is A “Special Irrigation” Meter?

SPECIAL IRRIGATION meters are installed to separately account for water used for irrigation. The benefit to you is that water registered on this meter is not assessed a sewer charge.

This **SPECIAL IRRIGATION** meter installation is available for 5/8” and 1” domestic metered services and does not provide an additional tap to the water main. There is no flow increase, since the domestic service is split for the installation of the new meter. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection requires that irrigation meters have an approved **BACKFLOW PREVENTER** installed to protect against contamination of the potable water system and the connection to the meter. In addition to the irrigation meter, OUC will also install a **BACKFLOW PREVENTER** in a separate box as close as feasibly possible to the meter box.

The **SPECIAL IRRIGATION** meter **Non-Refundable** installation charge is:

5/8” meter with backflow — \$1,320

1” meter with backflow — \$1,445

This charge does not include additional piping, asphalt or concrete break up or replacement involved in the installation, or any possible County permit fee that may be required.

If you have questions about backflow prevention, please call the OUC Water Department at **407.434.2535**.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Will I save money on the sewer charge by installing a “SPECIAL IRRIGATION” meter?

- A. ONLY if you reduce your domestic consumption to less than the maximum monthly usage established by the City of Orlando or Orange County. If domestic consumption exceeds the maximum monthly usage, the second meter may increase your cost per month.

Q. How much is the sewer charge and what is the maximum?

A. CITY OF ORLANDO SEWER

Inside City Limits

- Capacity Charge \$24.38
- Commodity Charge \$5.89 per 1,000 gallons (14,000 gallons cap)

Outside City Limits

- Capacity Charge \$30.48
- Commodity Charge \$7.36 per 1,000 gallons (14,000 gallons cap)

ORANGE COUNTY SEWER

Monthly Charge

- For 5/8” meter is \$19.33
- For 1” meter is \$43.00

Volume Charge

- All consumption is \$4.39
- Single-family home: Maximum capacity of 14,000 gallons
- Multi-family home: Maximum capacity of 25,000 gallons

Q. What is the monthly charge on a second meter?

- A. The customer charge for the second meter is as follows:

| Meter Size | Domestic | Irrigation |
|------------|----------|------------|
| 5/8” | \$10.00 | \$10.50 |
| 1” | \$15.25 | \$15.25 |

VOLUME CHARGE FOR IRRIGATION WATER

| GALLONS CONSUMED | RATE |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| First 19,000 gallons consumed | \$2.18 |
| Next 11,000 gallons consumed | \$7.90 |
| All consumption over 30,000 gallons | \$13.50 |

Q. Will the \$1,320 for a 5/8” meter with backflow or \$1,445 for a 1” meter with backflow be the total cost to me, the customer?

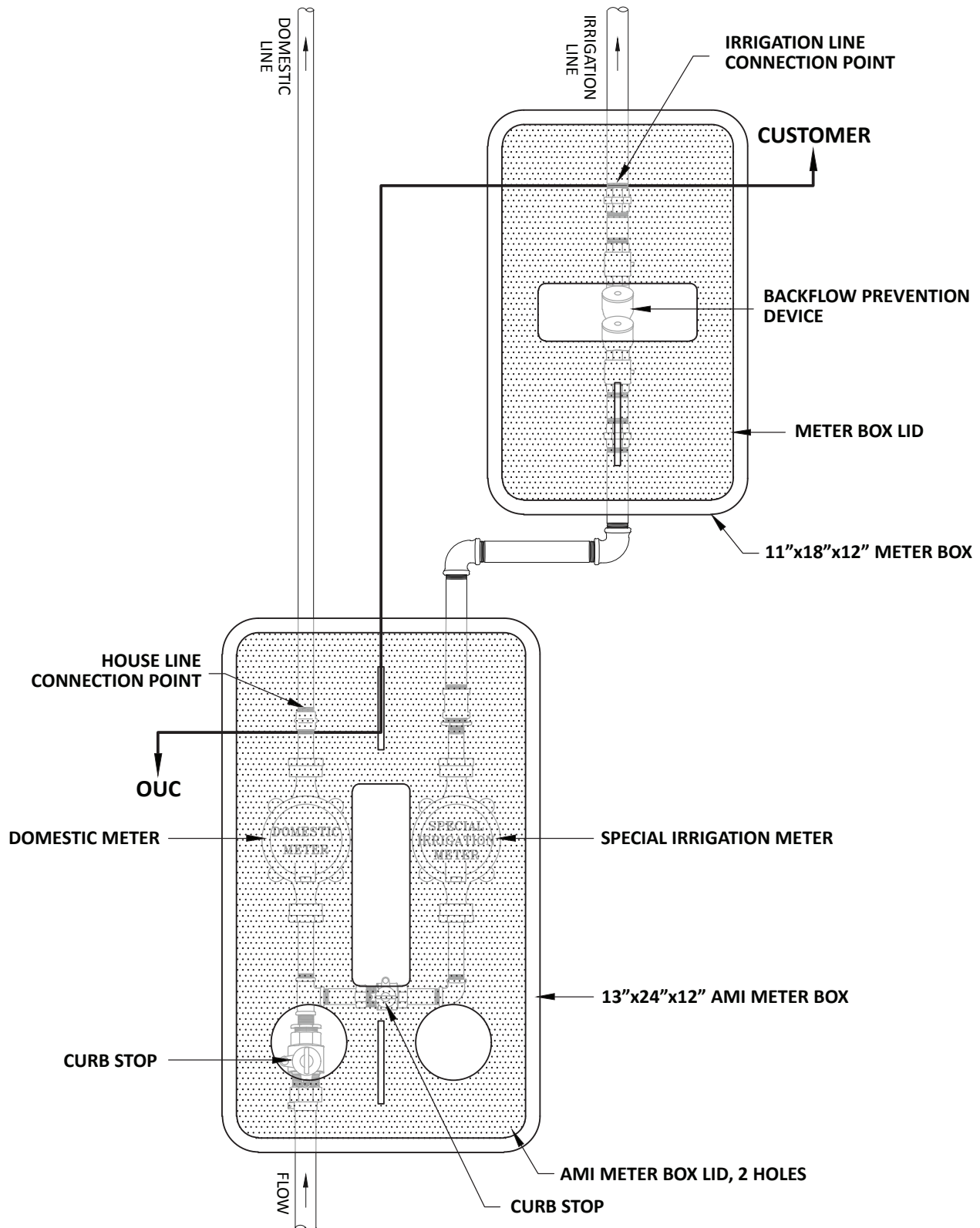
- A. Yes, for standard installations. However, this only covers the cost of OUC setting the meter and backflow preventer and does not cover permits or installations involving sidewalks. The customer and their contractor are responsible for tie-in at the connection point of the backflow preventer.

Q. Are there any maintenance charges?

- A. Yes, OUC is required to annually inspect and test the backflow preventer to insure it functions properly. There is a \$4 a month maintenance fee to cover the cost of inspections, testing and any required repairs.

Q. Can the customer hire their own contractor to install or test the backflow device?

- A. As the purveyor, OUC is responsible for installing and testing the backflow yearly to remain in compliance.



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SPECIAL IRRIGATION METER BOX DETAIL



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