

Second Water Meter Required for Irrigation Systems (July 1, 2009)

In order to address water conservation during drought conditions recently experienced in the state, new laws regarding irrigation systems and meters have been passed. In accordance with North Carolina General Statute Section 9, Article 38 of Chapter 143, local government water systems and large community water systems now require separate water meters for new in-ground irrigation systems that are connected to the local system effective July 1, 2009.

Beginning July 1, 2009, if you install an irrigation system and are connected to the Town of Apex potable water distribution system you will be required to have a separate irrigation meter installed. If you are issued a permit for a new irrigation system prior to July 1, then you will not be subject to this new requirement. However, if you are issued a permit prior to July 1 and the irrigation system is not installed and/or not inspected within 6 months, the permit will lapse and you will be required to have the second water meter installed. Similarly, if you are issued a permit prior to July 1 and the irrigation system is inspected but fails and deficiencies are not corrected within 12 months, you will be required to have the second water meter installed.

All irrigation systems are still required to have a reduced pressure backflow assembly (RP) installed per Town of Apex Cross Connection Ordinance and State rules. Additionally, all newly installed irrigation systems, including new water meters, are subject to Town inspection for approval. Please contact Public Works at 249-3427 with questions or concerns regarding the new water meters or call Construction Management at 249-3418 for questions or concerns regarding permits and inspections.