



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES
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PROCEDURE FOR SEWER ONLY METERING PROGRAM

The procedure for customers to participate in the *optional* Sewer Only Metering Program are outlined below:

1. Customer should contact a licensed plumber to determine the needed meter size, minimum of 1 inch.
2. The plumber (or property owner) must obtain a *Private Well Meter Permit* from the City of Farmington Hills Building Division and pay the applicable permit fees. Please contact the Building Division at 248-871-2450 with additional questions.
3. The plumber (or property owner) must ALSO apply for a *Metered Well Permit* through the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner’s office (WRC). Customers can apply online at <https://www.oakgov.com/government/water-resources-commissioner/resources/connection-disconnection-applications-for-water-sewer> or in person at One Public Works Drive, Building 95W, Waterford MI.

WRC will issue the customer a meter. The fee is based on meter size, with the minimum being 1 inch. Current pricing as of July 1, 2023, is shown below and is subject to change.

Meter Size	Meter and Reading Device	WRC Permit and Fixed Charges	Total WRC Meter Charge
1 inch	\$510	\$180	\$690
1.5 inch	\$860	\$290	\$1,150
2 inch	\$1,050	\$420	\$1,470

4. The customer’s plumber will modify the private plumbing and install the meter according to the *Meter Installation for Sewer Only Accounts* schematic included in the WRC connection guidelines (DC-304). Note to avoid paying sewage charges for outdoor water, only the domestic water should be metered.
5. The customer must contact the City of Farmington Hills Building Division at 248-871-2450 for a plumbing inspection and the Building Division must approve the installation.
6. The customer must contact WRC to install the meter reading device by calling 248-858-1110.
7. WRC will change the customer billing from the flat rate sewer charge to a calculated amount based on metered well water usage or the minimum sewer quarterly charge whichever is higher once the meter reading device is installed and operating. A quarterly meter maintenance fee will also be charged and is based upon meter size.