

Splitting Shared water meter for more accurate billing:

There are only two ways to separately monitor usage from a shared meter, (1) to have a complete separate service installed (this would involve tapping into the main from the property) or (2) to have a deduct meter installed after the main meter that would feed second property to deduct the usage.

If interested in installing a completely separate service line, hire a contractor and go through the proper permitting process with land use and engineering. If interested in installing a deduct meter, the plumbing contractor hired by homeowner will pull a plumbing permit for the work. The water department would have no involvement with the meter or the installation.

A deduct meter is strictly informational. The town would not bill that meter or maintain it. The homeowner is responsible for monitoring the deduct meter usage to properly calculate how much water each unit is using. The town would continue to only bill the meter address of the main meter.

To purchase a meter for deduction that matches the current meter of the homeowner for ease of calculating usage, call or email me so I can provide our meter supplier to the homeowner or plumbing contractor.

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