

MAURY COUNTY WATER SYSTEM

IRRIGATION POLICY

Purpose:

MCWS will provide water to its customers to be used for irrigation when it has the capacity to provide irrigation water to a customer in the portion of its water system serving the customer. Therefore, MCWS does not guarantee that it will have sufficient water to meet the irrigation demands of all customers, and the installation of an irrigation tap does not create a proprietary right for a customer to receive water for irrigation at all times or in any specific amount.

Water used for irrigation requires an increase in water demand and system capacity over and above the water demand required for domestic use.

To ensure both an adequate water supply for domestic use and an equitable cost of service for all MCWS customers, a separate irrigation tap to a MCWS main will be required for customer irrigation systems installed after December 1, 2024.

- 1 To obtain a new connection for irrigation water service, the irrigation tap fee, capacity fee, meter fee, and application fee must be paid as set forth in MCWS's Schedule of Rates and Charges. MCWS will establish a separate customer account for the irrigation tap.
- 2 When a customer's irrigation system is not used and/or no water usage is measured through the customer's irrigation meter, a customer must still pay the applicable Customer Charge each month for the irrigation water account.
- 3 If a customer fails to pay the bill for either its irrigation water service account or domestic water service account, MCWS will terminate both irrigation water service and domestic water service until payment is made in full on both customer accounts.
- 4 When a customer requests the discontinuance of domestic water service at the premises served, the customer will be required to complete a Customer Discontinuance Form to verify its request. Both domestic water service and irrigation water service will be discontinued at the premises served.
- 5 When a customer requests discontinuance of irrigation water service at the premises served, the customer will complete a Customer Discontinuance Form. The customer will be required to cut and cap the customer's service line connected to the irrigation system and to remove/uninstall the backflow preventer device.

Developers

- 6 Developers requesting commercial, residential, fire sprinkler, or irrigation service must complete the MCWS Developer Review Application, and the water demand being requested must be disclosed in the Developer Review Application.

The Developer must submit a utility site plan at the time of the application. Failure to provide complete and accurate information for all water demands may result in rejection of water service.

- 7 The Developer will be required to provide the flow demands and calculations necessary to serve all water demands of the proposed residential or commercial development. Following its review of the projected water demand data provided by the Developer or its professional services firm, MCWS reserves the right to use data from existing similar MCWS customers to calculate the anticipated use/demand projections for the proposed development. In the absence of similar information from MCWS's existing customer base, MCWS reserves the right to use information acquired from other local water utilities for similar development types and use/demand patterns to calculate the anticipated use/demand projections for the proposed development. The anticipated use/demand projections for the proposed development as determined by MCWS shall be final and shall be used to calculate all fees and charges for the proposed development.

- 8 Domestic water service must be metered separately from the customer's irrigation water service and fire sprinkler service.

***Water
Efficiency***

- 9 During periods of water shortages and/or when MCWS's Drought Management Plan is implemented, irrigation and other nonessential uses of water may be curtailed or discontinued in order to assure availability of water for domestic use.

***Backflow
Devices***

- 10 All customers with irrigation systems will be required to install a backflow preventer or approved air gap device. Backflow preventer devices must be tested annually. If an employee of MCWS performs the annual testing of the backflow preventer, the customer will be charged for the annual testing of the backflow preventer device as set forth in MCWS's Schedule of Rates and Charges. Should a customer choose to have the backflow preventer device tested by a third party, the results and all documentation must be supplied to MCWS.

***Leak
Adjustments***

- 11 There will be no leak adjustments given for leaks in a customer's irrigation system or fire sprinkler system.

***Enforcement
of Policy***

- 12 Failure or refusal of any landowner or water customer to comply with this policy or any interference by any such landowner or water customer, including its tenants, employees, or anyone acting on its behalf, shall entitle MCWS to discontinue water service, both irrigation and domestic. Water service will not be reinstated until the landowner or water customer shall furnish satisfactory proof to the MCWS of its intention to comply with this policy, shall cease such interference, and shall pay all fees and charges owed at the time water service is discontinued.