

PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY OF HUDSON WATER UTILITY AT 715.386.4760 x145 AFTER PRINTING THIS INFORMATION PACKET. WE WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU TO ENSURE THE PROCESS OF INSTALLING A SECOND METER GOES AS SMOOTHLY AS POSSIBLE.

## **Guide for Installation of Backflow Preventers for Irrigation Systems & Installation of Irrigation (Second) Water Meters**

### **New & Existing Irrigation Systems**

#### **Registration & Testing**

Wisconsin Uniform Plumbing Code Section requires all pressure & reduced pressure type backflow preventers be registered with the Wisconsin Department of Commerce. More importantly, the Wisconsin Uniform Plumbing Code requires that all backflow preventers be tested by a licensed tester and the results reported to the Wisconsin Department of Commerce and Hudson Water Utility at the following intervals:

- 1.) At the time of installation.
- 2.) Anytime repairs or alterations are made to the system.
- 3.) At least annually.

***PLEASE NOTE: THE WISCONSIN DNR ADMINISTRATIVE CODE & HUDSON MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZES THE WATER UTILITY TO SHUT OFF A WATER SERVICE FOR FAILURE TO PROPERLY MAINTAIN, REGISTER, OR PERFORM THE REQUIRED TESTING OF BACKFLOW PREVENTERS ASSOCIATED WITH IRRIGATION SYSTEMS. NON-COMPLIANCE IS A PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT TO YOUR HOUSEHOLD AND THE COMMUNITY.***

### **Second Meter Installations for Existing Irrigation Systems**

Prior to the installation of a second water meter, the homeowner must provide the Hudson Water Utility with a completed Water Meter Set Application. The backflow preventer's Wisconsin Department of Commerce Registration Number and the testing history of the device will be necessary as part of the application. If a registration number can not be provided and/or the testing history is not available, it will be the homeowner's responsibility to register and/or test the device before the second water meter can be installed. Results of testing from a licensed tester and a completed registration form are necessary prior to a second meter being installed.

### **Second Meter Installation for Outside Hose Bibs (Faucet)**

A second meter can be installed to supply hose bibs used for irrigation purposes. However, only water lines serving exterior hose bibs can be installed downstream of the secondary meter. All domestic water lines must be metered through the primary water meter. All hose bibs must be protected with existing vacuum breakers or have new vacuum breakers installed prior to the installation of a second water meter.

### **City of Hudson Contact Information**

City of Hudson Water Utility: 715-386-4760

Troy Timm: 715-381-3884

### **State of Wisconsin Registration Forms & Assistance**

Wisconsin Department of Commerce: [www.commerce.state.wi.us](http://www.commerce.state.wi.us)

Wisconsin Department of Commerce – La Crosse Office: 608-789-5535

Wisconsin Department of Commerce – Hayward Office: 715-634-4870