

# Town of Pepperell DPW

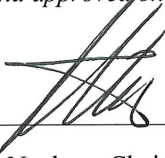
## Deduct Meter Policy & Regulations

The Water Division of the town of Pepperell allows for the installation of a second water meter (“deduct meter”) in a dwelling to measure the consumption of water that is not discharged to the sanitary sewer system. The deduct meter provides information that calculates a reduction in the primary water meter consumption to more accurately reflect the actual amount of water discharged to the sanitary sewer system. The following policy is written to provide clear requirements and rules for users of the Pepperell sanitary sewer system. All customers using a deduct meter should familiarize themselves with the rules before deciding to install a deduct meter.

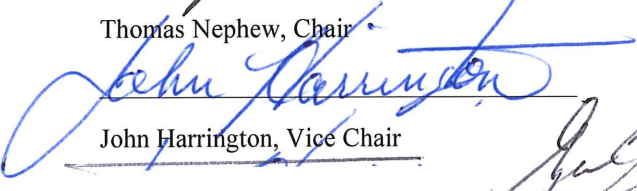
1. Customer must submit an application to the DPW offices for the deduct meter. Contractors may not pre-emptively install a deduct meter unless the home has been sold and the buyer acknowledges the Deduct Meter Policy/Regulations.
2. Customer must be current on all Town bills to qualify for deduct meter.
3. Deduct meters are only available to sewer customers.
4. The fee for the application, inspection and deduct meter is \$500. Customers are responsible to pay for all piping modifications and related costs for the installation of the meter.
5. **The deduct meter account will not be active until installation is inspected & approved by the Water Division.** Customer must call the Water Division to schedule the inspection of the deduct meter and for activation of the meter account.
6. There will be a \$30 base charge per quarter - there is no minimum time period / pro-rating of this charge.
7. The minimum installation period is one year. Deduct meters removed prior to one years’ usage will be subject to a fee equivalent to the remaining unbilled quarterly base charges.
8. All water through the deduct meter must be used outside of the dwelling and not be able to discharge to the sanitary sewer system.
9. If it is determined that water from the deduct meter could be discharged to the sewer, the customer will have the deduct meter adjustment immediately and unilaterally discontinued, and the current bill will be adjusted to reflect all water use being billed as having entered the sanitary sewer system.
10. Users that fail to keep water and sewer usage charges paid in full may have the deduct meter adjustment immediately and unilaterally discontinued.
11. Deduct meters and associated plumbing are subject to periodic inspection by the Water Division.
12. Water Division will accept the return of the deduct meter, but will not issue any credits to the customer for return.
13. Non-essential water use during a mandatory water ban may be subject to a unilateral reduction in the deduct meter adjustment.

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*Voted and approved on 01/20/22 at a duly posted and noticed Pepperell Board of Public Works meeting.*



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