



Secondary Water Meters (400–unit pilot program)



Town of Reading

2nd Water Meter Recap

- 400-unit pilot program
- 2nd meter for outside water use only, residential only
- Rain sensor and backflow preventor required
- Property owner pays for all permitting, plumbing work, and the 2nd water meter/transponder
- Penalty charged for any illegal tampering
- Filling swimming pools can utilize 2nd meter

2nd Water Meter Recap (cont.)

- Any properties with existing 2nd water meters will require inspections by Town staff (plumbing and DPW) and replacement of the old meter. Possible plumbing reconfiguration may be required.
- These properties will receive a letter inquiring whether they want to participate in the pilot program, and what the process will be to do so.
- Application process will be through OpenGov via a Plumbing permit.
- We removed the watering season restriction and fine.

Rate Comparisons (MWRA Communities)

	<i>TIER 1</i>	<i>TIER 2</i>	<i>TIER 3</i>	<i>TIER 4</i>	<i>TIER 5</i>	<i>2nd METER</i>
Belmont	\$ 6.62					\$ 8.32
Brookline	\$ 3.14	\$ 7.85				\$ 6.27
Framingham	\$ 8.02	\$ 8.92	\$ 10.37	\$ 12.21	\$ 14.80	\$ 15.00
Lexington	\$ 5.06	\$ 7.59				\$ 10.02
Medford	\$ 7.53	\$ 8.05	\$ 8.57			\$ 8.57
Newton	\$ 7.81	\$ 9.03	\$ 10.38	\$ 12.95		\$ 14.27
Stoneham	\$ 6.95					\$ 6.95
Watertown	\$ 5.68	\$ 8.85	\$ 11.96	\$ 15.61		\$ 15.61
Reading	\$ 11.15	\$ 12.14	\$ 12.45	\$ 12.97		

Decisions for the Select Board to Make

- What rate(s) should be charged for the 2nd meter?
- Should there be a penalty charged for not cancelling an appointment?
- Approve Tamper Fee and amount