

Swan creek Water District

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TO: Residents **without a Curb Stop**

FROM: Swan creek Water District

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RE: Information Packet on Getting Hooked Up to the Water Main System

Property owners who are not licensed contractors may install their own service lines, but may only dig up to 10' from the curb stop. However, only contractors who are registered with the Water District are permitted to expose or make the actual connection from the service line to the District's Water System. This includes the installation of the meter.

You may not connect any two systems together in any manner that could cause contamination to the District's water supply. For example, you may not connect your well water to the Water District's water supply. No cross connections are allowed.

Registered Contractors

See attached list of contractors who are registered with Swan creek Water District. These contractors are insured and bonded and are authorized to do all the work required to install and connect your water service.

Material Specs for Water Line from the Road to the House

- 1" K-Copper or SDR9, 200 PSI Plastic with Tracer Wire; at least 14 gauge May be used.
- Depth of Line – 4 Feet Minimum

Connection Fees & Meters

- There is a \$2,535.00 tap fee, which includes a 5/8" x 3/4" meter with remote reader, pressure-reducing valve, and inspection. This does **not** include the cost to get the line from your tap in your home.
- The meters will be placed inside the homes and must be in a heated location that is easily accessible to Swan creek Water District personnel for purposes of inspecting and maintaining the water meter. Any other location needs contractor recommendation and inspector authorization prior to installation. If the homeowner wishes to incur additional costs for a meter pit (an outside meter which is installed in a pit where the service line connects to the District's main water line), please see "meter-pit" notes.
- The water meters are the property of the District and may be changed, maintained and altered solely at District discretion. Upon notification by a customer of a suspected faulty or inaccurate meter the District shall replace the meter. If the replaced meter is found to be accurate within the manufacturer's limits, the District may levy a replacement charge. A suspected inaccuracy or faulty meter is not grounds for non-payment of a bill.
- Lucas County Residents must also pay a Trunk Capacity Fee. For current fee information contact the Swan creek Water Office.

Meter Pits

- Meter pit is required if the dwelling is more than 250 feet off the road and/or if there is a ditch crossing between the curb stop and dwelling.
- Meter Pit Specs - Plastic 30" (minimum) with a metallic lid that has a hole for the remote reader's transmitter. This pit must be installed by a registered contractor and must be adjacent to the curb stop.

Inspections

- An inspection must be done by the Swancreek Water District prior to turning on the service. The cost for an inspection (based on a 1-hour inspection) is included in your connection fee cost. If there are problems with the line or the connections and more time is required, the rate is \$50.00 per hour.
- The Swancreek Water District shall be given at least 48-hours notice when an inspection is required. In order to minimize the interruption of water service, the contractor is responsible to schedule the inspection.
- A Swancreek Water District Inspector must be present when tap is made at the curb stop.
- Note: The entire trench needs to be left open for inspection.
- The inspector will be doing the following:
 1. Checking the Connection at the curb Stop
 2. Checking the Service Line for Depth, Material Used, and Making Sure there are no Cross Connections
 3. Check the Meter Assembly and Installing RTR
 4. Turning Service On and Checking For Leaks

Water Rates & Billing

- **Current Minimum Bi-Monthly Charge:** Every residential customer, regardless of the amount of water actually used, shall pay a minimum charge of \$60.80 bi-monthly. If you exceed the minimum amount, you will just be charged the standard water rate.
- The minimum bi-monthly charge is based on 5,000 gallons or less and shall be charged regardless of whether or not the water service is used during the month, including seasonal disconnections.
- **Standard Water Rate:** \$12.16 per 1,000 Gallons.
- **Billing** is done every two months. (February, April, June, August, October and December).

Application for Residential Tap Permit

- We have enclosed an Application for Residential Tap Permit. You may not have any connections made prior to obtaining a permit. In order to obtain a tap permit, the District will need this completed application along with payment in the amount of **\$2,535.00**. Please make checks payable to: Swancreek Water District.

In compiling this information, we have tried to answer all questions that may arise. However, if you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to call our office at (419) 822-3656.

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