

# Connecting to Seminole County's reclaimed water system is easy...here's how!

Once you are informed by the County that the meter is installed and the system is active in your area, it will be time to connect your in-ground irrigation system to the reclaimed water meter.



## Step 1: Decide who will do the work

If you have an irrigation system connected to the County's potable (drinking) water, you must first decide who will connect your system to the reclaimed water meter. You may do the work yourself or hire a licensed irrigation contractor or licensed plumber. The work involves identifying any cross connections between the irrigation and potable water system and properly disconnecting them before connecting to the reclaimed water meter.

It is highly recommended that customers do not attempt this work themselves unless they have significant "do-it-yourself" experience with plumbing and irrigation systems.

If you decide to hire a licensed plumber or licensed irrigation contractor, we recommend you get a least three competitive bids and consider seeking volume discounts by "shopping as a group" with your neighbors. Prices may vary depending on a number of factors, such as:

- The number of connections between your irrigation and potable water system and the accessibility of those connection points.
- The proximity of your irrigation system to the reclaimed meter and any obstructions between.
- Having to transfer existing connections from hose bibs, pool top-off lines, outdoor showers or other fixtures previously connected to your irrigation system, to your potable water system.

## Step 2: Apply for a permit

A permit must be obtained by the person performing the work, and the connection must pass a County inspection before reclaimed water will be available for use. Permits are available through the Seminole County Permitting Division located at 1101 E. First Street Sanford, FL 32771 Phone: 407-665-7050.

## Step 3: Complete the work

Locate, disconnect and cap all connection points between your irrigation system and potable water system. Detach and permanently cap any spigots, hose bibs, pool top-off lines, outdoor showers or other fixtures connected to your irrigation system. Connect the irrigation system to the reclaimed water meter by following the steps listed in the "Affidavit of Completion" provided by the County.

## Step 4: Get your inspection

After the work is completed, but before any connection points are covered with backfill, call 407-665-7050 for a County building plumbing inspector. The inspection time will be coordinated with you because the building plumbing inspector will need access to your home. The building plumbing inspector will ensure your reclaimed system complies with all applicable state and local building codes. After passing the plumbing inspection, please arrange to fill in any connection points that were left open for the inspection. After completion of the plumbing inspection a reclaimed inspection must be completed to ensure compliance with all FDEP rules and regulations. Please call 407-665-2842 to schedule the reclaimed inspection.

**NOTE: The reclaimed inspection may be scheduled on the same day as the building plumbing inspection.**



## Step 5: Begin irrigation with reclaimed water

You may begin irrigating once you have passed the inspections. The County will meter your reclaimed water use and bill you for it as a separate line item on your County utility bill. For current rate information, call 407-665-2110 or log onto

<http://www.seminolecountyfl.gov/envsrvs/business/rates.asp>

Please note: If you have an existing irrigation meter it will be removed by the County once you are connected to the reclaimed water system.

- ☑ **Don't disconnect existing irrigation before notification by County**
- ☑ **A permit is required for the new connection.**
- ☑ **Inspections are required. Call**  
**407-665-7050 Bldg Plumbing**  
**407-665-2842 Reclaim**
- ☑ **Fees due at permitting.**



## If you plan to install a new irrigation system:

You will be required to obtain a permit to install the irrigation system and connect the irrigation system to the reclaimed water meter. The permit must be obtained by the person who will be performing the work and the connection must pass the County inspections before reclaimed water will be made available to the customer.

## If an existing irrigation system is connected to a well:

As with all reclaimed water connections, a County permit must be obtained by the person who will be performing the work and the connection must pass the County inspections before reclaimed water will be made available to the customer.



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