

Engineering Bulletin #4 | Residential Water Metering

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On December 2 2024, Coquitlam updated the Water Distribution Bylaw to require water meters with all building permit applications submitted after January 1 2025. While metering has always been required for industrial, commercial, and institutional properties, this update extends the water metering requirement to new residential properties (single family and multi-family). Building permit applications previously submitted or under construction are not required to install a meter.

Frequently Asked Questions

When are meters required?

Meters will be required for any building permit application submitted after January 1 2025. Minor renovations worth less than \$150,000 will be exempted from the water meter installation requirement.

In-stream building permit applications are not required to install a water meter, but could choose to include a meter if desired.

Meter details (meter type, location, quantity, etc..)

An approved list of meters and other details is available within Coquitlam's [Water Meter Specifications](#). Meters are typically installed at the property line, with one meter per water service.

Individual units within a multi-family building do not need to be metered, as there will only be one meter installed at the property line.

Who installs the meter?

A water meter can be installed by City of Coquitlam crews, or by a qualified contractor subject to the City's requirements and standards.

How much does it cost to install a water meter?

If it is preferred for Coquitlam crews to install the meter, the cost is included with Schedule F of Coquitlam's [Fees and Charges Bylaw](#). Alternatively, an applicant can choose to hire a qualified contractor to install a meter subject to Coquitlam's requirements and standards.

When will a meter be installed?

The meter needs to be installed before final occupancy is granted, and will be inspected by City staff to ensure that the correct meter was installed according to City specifications and standards.

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