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Submeter Questions & Answers

Who is responsible for the submeter? The Ratepayer is responsible for the purchase, installation, maintenance and reporting the reading of the submeter(s) on a quarterly basis.

Where do I get a submeter? Submeters can be purchased on-line through various links. Please see the above letter for the approved models. Specific submeters are strongly recommended that BSD has approved since they are required by BSD policy to read in cubic feet, **NOT** gallons.

Can I have more than one submeter connected? Yes, you can have multiple submeters to record all the water used outside. A minimum quarterly bill is applicable.

Do I contact the Water District to notify them? No, this credit only applies to your sewer bill. You will pay the Water District for **all** the water used. The policy is in place because the water is going into the ground, and not the BSD Treatment Plant.

Why are there specific dates that BSD requires for the submeter(s) readings? To get the appropriate credit for the correct billing period, timely readings for your area coincide with when the Water District reads the water meter. Having readings done as close as possible to their read date(s) will give you the maximum credit possible.

What if I do not report in my submeter reading on the appropriate date? Readings reported **after** the sewer bills are processed will **not** be applied to your current bill. Should this happen, you still submit the current reading for the start of the next quarter. Credits do **not** carry over from quarter to quarter; they are only applied for the appropriate billing period. This is why it is **so important** to have timely readings.

How does the submeter credit appear on the BSD quarterly bill? The submeter credit is **not** shown on the bill as a separate dollar amount; it only shows the submeter usage. The credit is automatically deducted from the total water usage amount. Hence, the "Charge Amount" has been adjusted accordingly.

Approved Submeters

As of January 1, 2025, those that are seeking a watering credit are now required to purchase and have a submeter installed. The sewer bills are based upon the water usage. You will be billed for **all** the water that you use (so no need to contact the Brunswick - Topsham Water District). The credit is on your sewer bill since the water goes in the ground, and not the BSD Treatment Plant.

Per BSD policy, submeters need to read in **cubic feet**, not gallons. These are the approved ones for outside/manual (or potentially plumbed inside):

<https://a.co/d/8nhv7Hm>

<https://a.co/d/6oDk1yl>

<https://a.co/d/1opsuwt>

<https://a.co/d/drgew0n>

<https://www.flows.com/neptune-t-10-3-4-potable-water-meter/> **Choose 3/4" or 1"**

and CUBIC FEET

<https://www.flows.com/economy-plastic-water-meter-wm-pc-series/> **Choose 3/4" or 1"**

and CUBIC FEET

This is the approved one that is plumbed inside/stationary:

<https://www.xylem.com/en-us/products--services/metrology-equipment-for-utilities/meters/iperl-north-america-water-meters/>

After purchasing a submeter, we need to be notified **immediately** so it can be set up in the billing system to get proper credit prior to the billing. If you have a submeter that is plumbed in after your domestic water line, BSD requires an on-side inspection. If you purchase a "manual" outside one, please email to **ddutton@bsewer.org** a nice clear picture of the whole meter's face, along with the serial number.

Submeter Read Dates

The dates that submeter pictures are to be emailed (ddutton@bsewer.org) are based on the Water District meter read dates. This is to give one the best credit possible; a minimum charge is still applicable. Per Brunswick Sewer District policy, the ratepayer will provide the District **quarterly** pictures of the submeter. Readings received late will be used as the next quarter's starting reading and **credit will be forfeited**. So **please**, note these appropriate read dates; not all Brunswick ratepayers are billed at the same time. Please use the first 2 digits of the **Account (not Customer)** number:

#21 to #28: the remittal dates are the 1st of May, August and November

#29 to #39: the remittal dates are the 15th of May, August and November

#45 to #51: the remittal dates are the 1st of June, September and December

#52 to #61: the remittal dates are the 15th of June, September and December

#67: the remittal dates are the 25th of June, September and December

#81 to #88: the remittal dates are the 25th of June, September and December