

Temporary Water Meter

Type: All Construction

Subtype: RESIDENTIAL/ NON-RESIDENTIAL

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City of Tukwila - Permit Center
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Tukwila, WA 98188

www.tukwilawa.gov/departments/permit-center/



Purpose: This permit allows for the installation of a Temporary Water Meter on a City fire hydrant for authorized uses such as construction, dust control, landscaping, and other approved temporary water needs. The permit ensures proper tracking of water usage, compliance with regulations, and protection of City water infrastructure. Temporary water meters help prevent unauthorized hydrant use, maintain water quality, and ensure that City resources are used efficiently and safely.

Applicable Regulations:

- [TMC 14 Water and Sewer](#)
- [Public Works Infrastructure Design and Construction Standards](#)

Resources:

- [Permit Center](#)

Temporary Hydrant/ Water Meter Permit

Issued: Over the counter

Minimum criteria needed to be issued:

- Scope of work
- Contractor and Business License info
- Deposit
 - 2.5" Meter - \$2,500.00 1" Meter - \$300.00

1. Application Submission:

- Complete and submit the Temporary Water Meter Permit application.
- Ensure all required fields are filled out accurately.
- Submit any necessary supporting documents, including site plan.

2. Review:

- Permit staff reviews the application for completeness.

3. Payment:

- The applicant pays the required permit fee.

4. Approval:

- Approval is granted on the same day if all requirements are met.

5. Permit Issuance:

- Once paid and approved, the permit is issued via the Permit Center.

ONCE A TEMPORARY HYDRANT PERMIT IS ISSUED:

The below listed contacts are not for permitting questions. Only reach out once a temporary hydrant permit has been issued. For questions on obtaining the temporary permit please reach out to the Permit Center Monday- Thursday from 8:30am-4:00pm at 206-431-3670 or permits@tukwilaWA.gov.

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To pick up a Temporary Hydrant Meter:

- Contact Jason Bates, Water Superintendent, Tukwila Water Dept. at (206)433-1863 (Office) or (206)396-8235 (Cell) Tuesday-Friday.
 - If unable to reach Jason contact Bryan Still, Operations Manager, at (206)571-6308 (Cell) Mon-Fri.
- The meter may be picked up at 600 Minkler Blvd, Tukwila.

To return the meter and receive your refund please:

- Return the meter in the same condition and manner in which it was checked out. Refer to the contact information above if needed.
- **Please note:** Public Works Operations completes the billable work order once the meter is returned, then forwards it to Finance Utility Billing. The amount of water used determines how much of the deposit is refunded to the permittee.
 - The water rate is based on the current Commercial/Industrial rate for June-September.
 - Finance Utility Billing issues a bill if water usage exceeds the deposit; otherwise, the permittee receives a refund, minus the cost of water consumed.
 - All payments are made to the Water Enterprise Fund.

Tukwila Municipal Code

14.04.330 Temporary Water Meters

- A. Temporary water meters are available on a rental basis from the Public Works Department, with the rental deposit amount charged in accordance with the fee schedule to be adopted by motion or resolution of the Tukwila City Council.
- B. Meters are to be used only for the designated project.
- C. Meters are to be returned promptly upon completion of the project or at the end of 60 days, whichever comes first.
- D. Meters are to be returned in the same condition as when rented. The user is responsible for meter damage and shall pay all costs related to repair. Lost or stolen meters are the responsibility of the renter and renter shall pay all costs associated with replacement of the meter, shall forfeit the rental deposit and shall pay for an estimated amount of water used.
- E. Meters may be moved from one hydrant to another within the same project providing:
 1. Water Department is notified in advance of proposed relocation;
 2. Hydrant wrenches are used in making all connections and disconnections.
- F. Rates for water usage through temporary meters shall be charged in accordance with the June through September Commercial/ Industrial fee schedule to be adopted by motion or resolution of the Tukwila City Council.