



**IRRIGATION METERS REQUIRED FOR ALL NEW IRRIGATION SYSTEMS  
EFFECTIVE DATE AUGUST 1, 2007**

In order to comply with Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division regulations and with the Coweta County Water Authority Conservation Plan, on August 1, 2007 the Coweta County Water and Sewerage Authority implemented a policy requiring a separate meter and backflow preventer for all new lawn irrigation systems. Irrigation systems installed prior to this date are still required to have an approved backflow prevention assembly to isolate the irrigation system. The backflow preventer shall be tested initially and **annually** thereafter to assure its proper operation. Customers failing to comply will have the water service terminated with a \$50.00 dollar reconnection fee applied at the time of reconnection.

A backflow preventer is designed to stop the reverse flow of water and preventing any contamination inside the irrigation system from flowing back into the drinking water. Backflow Prevention is mandated from the Federal Environmental Protection Agency Safe Drinking Water Act and Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division Rules for Safe Drinking Water.

The irrigation meter provides the Water Authority to measure the amount of water being used for landscaping versus water used for purely purposes. If you decide that you no longer want an irrigation system, the Water Authority can terminate the irrigation meter without requiring plumbing modification on your property or terminating the domestic water service.

The Water Authority's primary purposed is conserving and protecting the water for their customers. We appreciate your cooperation and participation in these programs as we continue to preserve and protect our most valuable natural resources.