

Water metering

Possible 1 point

Intent

To support water management and identify opportunities for additional water savings by tracking water consumption.

Requirements

Install permanent water meters for two or more of the following water subsystems, as applicable to the project:

- Irrigation. Meter water systems serving at least 80% of the irrigated landscaped area. Calculate the percentage of irrigated landscape area served as the total metered irrigated landscape area divided by the total irrigated landscape area. Landscape areas fully covered with xeriscaping or native vegetation that requires no routine irrigation may be excluded from the calculation.
- Indoor plumbing fixtures and fittings. Meter water systems serving at least 80% of the indoor fixtures and fitting described in WE Prerequisite Indoor Water Use Reduction, either directly or by deducting all other measured water use from the measured total water consumption of the building and grounds.
- Domestic hot water. Meter water use of at least 80% of the installed domestic hot water heating capacity (including both tanks and on-demand heaters).
- Boiler with aggregate projected annual water use of 100,000 gallons (378 500 liters) or more, or boiler of more than 500,000 BtuH (150 kW). A single makeup meter may record flows for multiple boilers.
- Reclaimed water. Meter reclaimed water, regardless of rate. A reclaimed water system with a makeup water connection must also be metered so that the true reclaimed water component can be determined.
- Other process water. Meter at least 80% of expected daily water consumption for process end uses, such as humidification systems, dishwashers, clothes washers, pools, and other subsystems using process water.

In addition to the requirements above, install water meters in any five of the following:

- purified water systems (reverse-osmosis, de-ionized);
- filter backwash water;
- water use in dietary department;
- water use in laundry;
- water use in laboratory;
- water use in central sterile and processing department;
- water use in physiotherapy and hydrotherapy and treatment areas;
- water use in surgical suite;
- closed-looped hydronic system makeup water; and
- cold-water makeup for domestic hot water systems.