

Water Meter Pits and Water Service Line Responsibility

The Cañon City Water Department (CCWD) maintains the meter pit or curbstop box, the meter shut-off or curbstop valve, the water meter, and the water service line between the water main in the street and the meter shut-off valve or curbstop valve, whichever is closest to the property line. Any vault or meter pit containing a meter greater than 1-inch in diameter is the property owners' responsibility to maintain.

The CCWD is also responsible for the maintenance and repair of the potable water mains, valves and fire hydrants throughout the city's Distribution System. The CCWD and the property owners have a shared responsibility for the maintenance of the water service lines.

- CCWD = Water mains to the meter pit/curbstop box (demarcation is at the property line)
- Property Owner = Meter pit/curbstop box to the inside of homes or businesses.

The Cañon City Water Department will turn on/off water at no charge during regular business hours of 7:30 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday. A fee will be charged for water that is turned on/off outside of these days/hours.

Backflow devices required by the State of Colorado are installed during new construction and/or installation of new water meter pits or service taps. There is a charge for this device. Backflow events can reverse the flow of water or other substances into the Water Distribution System, resulting in chemicals or contaminants getting into the drinking water. Because of changes in pressure, the water can flow in the opposite direction from what is intended. This is why the installation, inspection and proper maintenance of backflow prevention assemblies and devices are imperative to the safety of your drinking water.