

**Can a property owner drill an auxiliary well to be used to irrigate a lawn and garden even if the house is connected to the public water and sewer? NO**

- The Code of Virginia §15.2-5137 OF THE VIRGINIA WATER AND WASTE AUTHORITIES ACT, CHAPTER 51 OF TITLE 15.2 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA, 1950 AS AMENDED (THE "ACT") lists Halifax County Service Authority under the Act and subject to the provisions therein
- The requirement by the Authority's lenders that "no competing services be allowed". Allowing new wells to be constructed by a property owner or developer presents a financial precedent that would violate the spirit of the lender's requirements.

**Will the Authority allow an adjustment for sewerage charges in the filling of a swimming pool that is NOT connected to the public sewer? YES**

An adjustment will be granted under the following conditions:

- The swimming pool must be filled from the customer's water lines.
- The Authority must be notified at least 24 hours prior to the time the pool is filled so it can obtain readings of the meter before and after the pool is filled to calculate the amount used to fill the pool and thus the amount that will be subtracted from that bill.
- The Authority will charge its standard service charge for each trip to collect the meter readings. (Currently these charges are \$25.00 per trip or \$50.00 to obtain readings before and after the pool is filled)

If the Authority is not notified prior to the pool being filled, Authority staff will need to investigate the pool examining the size and reviewing the customer's water usage to calculate the amount of adjustment. There will be one standard service charge for the trip to investigate the pool and one service charge for staff time to investigate the customer records and calculate the amount of the adjustment.

Please note, that unless the calculated water volume of the pool exceeds 8,000 gallons (18 ft. diameter above ground pool), it is more economical to use the water through your water service meter and pay both the water and sewerage rates.

For example; 18 ft. diameter by 52" height pool (7,800 gallons). Usage is rounded to 8,000 gallons.

Water used through your water meter to fill the pool and paying for both water and sewerage rates:

8 x \$5.00 (water/thousand gallons)	= \$40.00
8 x \$5.70 (sewer/thousand gallons)	= \$45.60
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$85.60</b>

Water usage only and staff service call to perform meter read (24 hour notice):

8 x \$5.00 (water/thousand gallons)	= \$40.00
<u>Service charge for two (2) trips</u>	<u>= \$50.00</u>
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>