

Information on the 2023 Water Meter Replacement Project

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TO: City of Temple Water Customer

RE: Installation of New Water Meters at Residences and Businesses in Temple

During the next four months, new water meters are going to be installed at residences, businesses, and other buildings throughout the City of Temple. Your city government is happy to be able to announce that installation of these new water meters will start in mid-January, and it is expected that the entire changeover to the new remote read meters will be completed during the spring.

Basically, this changeover will provide City of Temple water customers with state-of-the-art water meters. From a technological standpoint, this will be an Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Fixed Base radio communications system for reading Temple's water meters.

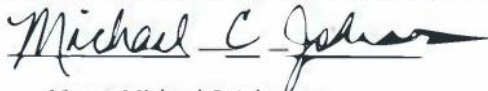
No longer will a city employee have to walk from water meter to water meter, remove the lid and then clean dirt and other debris off the meter face until the recorded reading can be seen and read. Instead, the meters will be read remotely, using modern technology.

This should improve accuracy, greatly shorten the time it takes to get the individual "meter reads" each month from some 2,200 meters, and eliminate the current "revisits" to individual water meters if there are any apparent problems or questions pertaining to the recorded usage. The new system also removes the possibility of "human error" in the process of recording water usage numbers.

WHEN WILL YOUR NEW WATER METER BE INSTALLED? After January 10, you will be able to go to the city's website and find out approximately when your particular part of town, subdivision, or street is scheduled for installation of the new water meters. (Our web site will be updated weekly, to report on the progress being made and to announce any changes in the meter installation schedule.)

BRIEF BACKGROUND INFO. The City of Temple obtained funding for this project from the State of Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA). The \$1,404,000 loan is to be repaid by the city, with the annual interest rate being only 0.13 percent. These will be the Neptune brand of water meter. The selected low bid contractor is RTS Water Solutions, with a bid being \$1,157,055.35. The engineering firm of Keck & Wood will oversee the project.

NO CHANGE IN WATER RATES. The Temple City Council recently voted not to consider making any change in the fee schedule for water rates until the new meters have been installed and a cost analysis has been made to determine if rates should be changed or should stay at their current levels.



Mayor Michael C. Johnson

***We will be updating this website with the schedule for each phase of the water meter replacement project, so that residents will know when meters will be replaced in their location. ***

First Phase of the Meter Replacement Project:

Starting January 17th through January 31st the first phase of meter replacements, are listed below by street. We will update this list again in 2 weeks, with the next phase.

VILLA ROSA RD

VILLA ROSA WAY

VILLA ROSA LN

VILLA ROSA RDG

VILLA ROSA DR

VILLA ROSA TRL

VILLA ROSA PL

VILLA ROSA CT

VILLA COVE

BAR J RD

ETHERIDGE RD

SHELTON CR

REAGAN DR

CLINTON DR

DEAN CT

GARNER WAY

When will I know that my water meter has been installed and what should I expect?

****A door tag will be hung also once the meter is changed out, and that changes in water pressure during the installation process can result in temporary:**

- Discoloration of water
- Air in the water lines, and
- Small particles of sediment

Prior to using your water, we recommend that you flush your lines by turning on your bathtubs COLD water faucet for 3 to 5 minutes or use an outside faucet. Avoid flushing faucets that have aerator attachments or hot water faucets which could draw sediment into your water tank.

PLEASE NOTE: you DO NOT need to boil water because of this work.

More information about this project is available below in the "supporting documents" section:

Supporting Documents

SCHEDULE: First Phase of Water Meter Replacements, list of Streets for January 17-31, 2023
57.93 KB

Chart of First Four Weeks of Water Meter Project 101.93 KB

Installation of New Water Meters: Letter from Mayor Michael Johnson 343.06 KB

Temple News & Views column by Mayor Michael Johnson: New Water Meter Project Has Started 358.14 KB

Temple News & Views column by Mayor Michael Johnson: Completion of Two Long Term Projects 478.34 KB