



MWC Water Service Connection Policy

Purpose: to standardize Corporation member understanding for new or renewed connection to MWC

Connection to MWC facilities shall only be at the discretion/authorization of MWC, and only after the Corporation member has been issued a receipt from MWC indicating all required fees to connect have been successfully paid.

The Corporation member shall excavate to locate the MWC Corporation valve, i.e., curb stop. The Corporation member assumes complete responsibility for all real and consequential damage(s) to MWC piping, and other facilities including the loss of treated water from the MWC system while repairs are being made, to the damaged portion of the MWC system, caused by the Corporation member. The member is responsible for all costs incurred by MWC, to execute repairs of MWC equipment damaged by the Corporation member or others under the Corporation member's direction.

MWC will make every attempt to determine/locate MWC underground facilities for the Corporation member. However, the sole responsibility lies with the Corporation member who shall proceed with all due caution in and around the potential MWC underground facilities, to carefully find those facilities. Negligence is not an acceptable excuse.

Corporation member shall install a 'member owned shut off valve' within 3 linear ft of the MWC Corporation stop/curb stop valve designated by MWC, and only that curb stop. The shut off valve shall be installed within the Corporation member's parcel, even if further than 3 feet from the curb stop.

If due to circumstances beyond the Corporation member control, the Corporation member cannot maintain the 3 linear feet requirement, the Corporation member shall review with MWC the closest location on the Corporation member parcel that the member intends to install the shut off valve. This review with MWC shall be done prior to installation of the Corporation member installing the shut off valve.

The Corporation member is required to install a brass/bronze shut off valve. **Stop & Waste valves are prohibited** at the member shut off valve location due to the potential to create an illegal cross connection to a source of contaminated water.

The type of pipe installed between the MWC Corporation/curb stop valve and the corporation member shut off valve shall be schedule 80 PVC. PVC fittings can be slip/glue fittings with a threaded Male adapter to the MWC Curb Stop. A MWC operator or their designee shall make the connection to the MWC corporation/curb stop valve and extend the pipe to the member's shut off valve.

If a glycol filled fire suppression system is installed, the Corporation member shall install double back flow prevention valves between the Corporation member connection and MWC. This backflow prevention system shall be 100% accessible to MWC.

The Corporation member shall install burial locating tape in the same ditch as the connection pipe between MWC and the member shut off valve. The burial locating tape shall be installed 12" above the top of the connection pipe.

Ditch shading/fill shall be fines materials, **sand**, within 8" above the connection pipe to MWC. Natural fill can be used above the fines material, the Corporation member should exercise caution to sift out rocks larger than 1-1/2" for fill above the fines materials.

The Corporation member is required to notify MWC, for MWC inspection, when they are ready to install the connecting pipe to MWC and the member shut off valve. Member must make corrections as noted by MWC's inspection.

Any leaks in the Corporation member installation shall be remedied by the Corporation member before MWC will turn on water service to the Corporation member parcel.

If at any time after the installation of the connection pipe and shut off valve to MWC, MWC finds a leak in the Corporation member system, or unattended running water from the Corporation member parcel, MWC maintains the right to shut the Corporation member water service off at the MWC curb stop, until the issue is remedied to MWC's satisfaction. MWC charges a fee for water shut off.

ONLY MWC personnel are authorized to operate MWC facilities. Member or member's plumber may not.