BYRON-GAINES UTILITY AUTHORITY
WATER METER SETTING SPECIFICATIONS
(DOMESTIC AND/OR IRRIGATION METER)

Requirements for a meter to be set:
1. All plumbing must meet state and local
codes, ordinances and Byron-Gaines
Utility Authority Standard Construction
Requirements.

2. Water may be used for construction prior
to meter set on NEW residential only.
Existing homes must have meter set
prior to use.

3. Curb stop box must be at grade or above,
clean and readily accessible prior to
meter set.

4. Driveway and sidewalks must be poured.
(Waivers may be available from Dec. 1
to Apr. 1 each year, contact office for
details.)

5. Water service and meter must be
protected from freezing and theft.

6. The area around meter must be easily-
accessible with a 12" minimum and 24"
maximum from outside wall.

7. All pipe nipples and fittings prior to
meter must be threaded brass.

8. When plastic water distribution piping is
used, the meter setting MUST be
secured and supported to the floor or
wall. Rigid water piping may be
necessary near the meter setting.

9. Meter horn or bar must be plumbed in
with at least a riser past the house side
outlet valve. Riser must be secured to
wall or ceiling.

10. Meters can be installed in horizontal or
vertical orientation, per manufacturer's
specifications.

11. Shut-off valves must be the same size as
the water meter connection.

12. Irrigation systems require backflow
preventers on irrigation supply line.

Examples of acceptable meter setting
configurations.

Call the BGUA with meter piping
questions and to schedule a meter
installation; giving at least 24 hours
notice.

616-971-0002