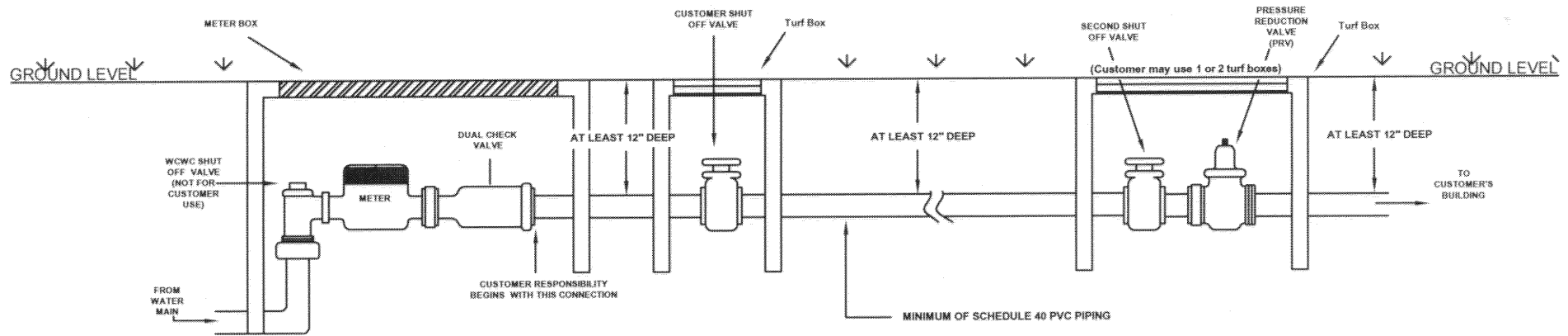


West Carteret Water Corporation General Hookup Guide



Owners may continue to use their existing well as long as it is NOT PHYSICALLY CONNECTED to any line that is connected to the water meter.

You should install a minimum of Schedule 40 PVC piping (at least 12-inches deep) between the meter and the house/building. A shut off valve must be installed adjacent to the meter box. We also strongly recommend that you install a pressure reduction valve (PRV) after the customer cut-off valve near your home. A PRV will help to reduce the amount of water that you use, as well as, help to protect piping by reducing the strain on joints and fixtures in your home. A PRV can be purchased from a hardware or plumbing supply store. It is usually preset at 45-55 p.s.i., but it can be adjusted to accommodate your water needs. As a note, the water pressure on the system is approximately 70-80 p.s.i.

The North Carolina State Building Code requires a permit for inspections on water service piping between the meter and the structure that it serves. These inspections are performed by the Central Permit Office of Carteret County. You must apply for the permit at the Central Permit Office in the County Administration Building in Beaufort (252-728-8545) at 402 Broad St. or at the Western Carteret Permit Office (252-393-3204) at 701 Cedar Point Blvd. The fee for this inspection is \$50. It is advisable to obtain this permit prior to completing the hookup because an OPEN TRENCH INSPECTION WITH PRESSURE TESTING is required. The county also requires two shut off valves, one at the meter and one at the building. When the hookup is completed, call the appropriate permit office and an inspector will be dispatched to perform the inspection. Once the approved final inspection is received, the water meter can be turned on, but the water company must receive a copy of the approved final inspection. The above procedure may require an interruption of water supply to your home or building from the time the completed connection is made until inspected. Please coordinate the work with your plumber. The water company cannot provide you with water service until notified that your connection has been found to be satisfactory.

Call the office at (252) 393-1515 or toll free (877) 393-6829 if further information is necessary.