

INFORMATION REGARDING AGRICULTURAL WATER RATES

Agricultural Rates for water are available to those who qualify. In order to qualify, you must be actively engaged in crop production, stock raising or dairy farming on a commercial basis.

In order to obtain these rates, you must submit an application. The application for Agricultural Rate must be submitted with a copy of the General Excise License; and the Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Prevention Agreement for Agricultural Meters.

When the application is received with all the attachments noted above, an investigation is made in the field. The agricultural rate will be effective upon approval. To retain the agricultural rate, an application must be submitted on an annual basis each fiscal year.

If there are any questions, please call Customer Care at 748-5030.

Agricultural Water Rate Requirements

- Customer must be actively engaged in crop production, stock raising or dairy farming on a **commercial basis**.
- The Agricultural Water Rate Application must be properly completed.
- A copy of most recent General Excise use tax return (Form G-45) must be submitted.
- The BWS Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Prevention Agreement for Agricultural Rate Meters must be properly completed and signed.
- A BWS approved Reduced Pressure Principle Backflow Prevention Assembly must be installed after the meter prior to any tees or branches per BWS Standard Detail V-9.
- The property or premise can only have one residential structure.
- Upon receipt of the Agricultural Rate application, a field inspection will be conducted to verify the installation of the BWS approved reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly and the agricultural activity.
- The Agricultural Rate will be effective upon compliance with the above stated requirements.
- ~~The Agricultural Rate must be renewed annually.~~

APPLICATION FOR AGRICULTURAL RATE

In accordance with the provisions of Board of Water Supply Resolution No.470, 1979, Schedule of Rates and Charges for the Furnishing of Water Service in the City and County of Honolulu, I hereby apply for the Agricultural Rate for all water used each month through the below-described water service.

Premise ID# _____ Customer ID# _____
Customer _____ Res. Ph. _____
Premise Address _____ Bus. Ph. _____
Mailing Address _____
Area Under Cultivation _____
Type of Crop or Stock _____

**Estimated Yearly Gross Sales \$ _____
**General Excise Tax License ID# _____

**Please attach a copy of your
"General Excise Tax License".

I certify that I am actively engaged on a commercial basis in: Agriculture Stock Raising Dairy Farming

I understand that if this application is approved, the Agricultural Rate will continue in effect for the remainder of this fiscal year unless I cease being actively engaged on a commercial basis in agriculture, stock raising or dairy farming. In addition, I understand that I may be assessed a "Water Systems Facilities Charge" (WSFC).

DATE SIGNATURE OF CUSTOMER

(FOR BWS USE ONLY)

Inspected _____, 20____ Application No. _____
Approval Recommended: Yes No

Justification _____

APPROVED DENIED

INVESTIGATOR

CUSTOMER CARE RECORDS SUPERVISOR

DATE

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY
City and County of Honolulu
630 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96843

PREPARE IN DUPLICATE

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**CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL AND BACKFLOW PREVENTION
AGREEMENT FOR AGRICULTURAL RATE METERS**

Name: _____

Premise Id Number: _____

Customer Id Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Residence Phone Number: _____

Business Phone Number: _____

Pager/Cellular Phone Number: _____

Tax Map Key: _____

To insure the protection of the potable water system from potential contamination by agricultural uses, a backflow prevention assembly is required in accordance with Sec. 2-213 of the Honolulu Board of Water Supply's (BWS) Rules and Regulations.

Therefore, a BWS Approved Reduced Pressure Principle Backflow Prevention Assembly (RP) shall be installed, at the owner's expense, on the consumer side of the property line, as close as physically possible to the domestic water meter serving the property and prior to any tees or branches. A decrease in service pressure to the subject property can be expected with the installation of an RP. The plumbing contractor or mechanical engineer should verify that the property's plumbing system can accommodate the additional pressure loss.

The undersigned understands that the RP must be installed prior to issuance of the Agricultural Rate. Failure to comply with the BWS Rules and Regulations regarding backflow prevention may result in the discontinuance of water service.

Please sign and return this form with the application for Agricultural Rate.

AGREED:

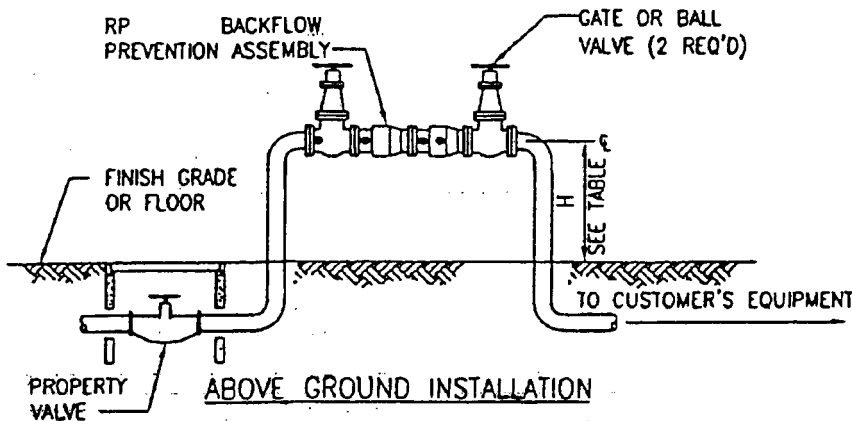
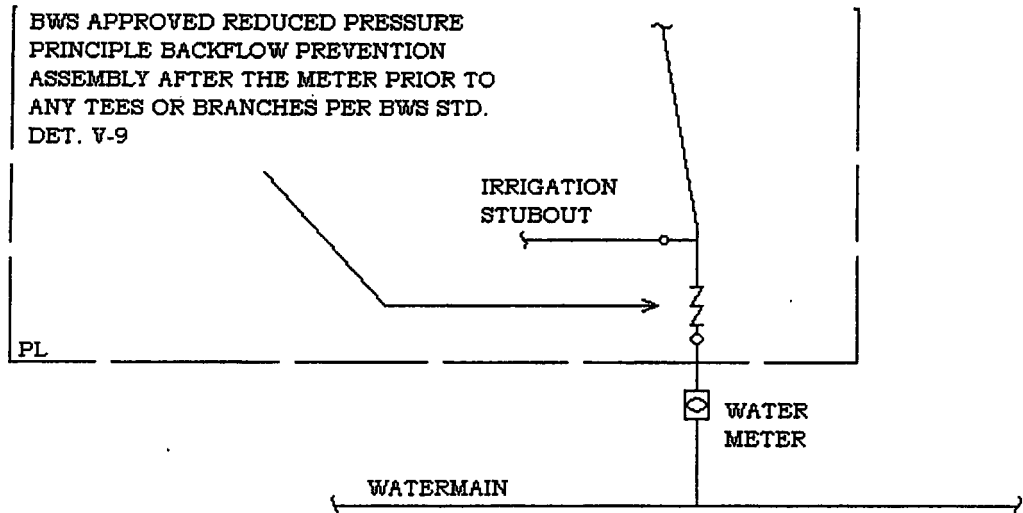
Customer Signature

Date

Attached, for your information, is a list of approved backflow prevention assemblies.

If you have any questions, please call our Cross-Connection Control Unit at 748-5470.

TYPICAL BFPA INSTALLATION DETAIL PLAN VIEW



SIZE (INCHES)	H (INCHES)
3/4 TO 1-1/2	18
2 TO 3	24
4 TO 6	30
8 TO 10	36

Note:

1. The backflow prevention assembly must be installed after the meter and the property valve prior to any tee or branch piping.
2. The plans must also reflect the following callout, **“BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY APPROVED REDUCED PRESSURE PRINCIPLE BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY PRIOR TO ANY TEES OR BRANCHES PER BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY STANDARD DETAIL V-9”** or refer to a specific make and model of a Board of Water Supply approved backflow prevention assembly. (Whichever is applicable)
3. At no time shall the bottom of the assembly be less than **12 inches** above the ground, floor, or flood level nor shall the bottom of the assembly exceed more than **48 inches** above the aforementioned grades. (BWS approval required for exemption from installation height restrictions.)
4. The plans must show the backflow prevention assembly in relation to the water meter, property valve, and any tee or branch piping in the vicinity.

If there are any questions, please contact the Board of Water Supply’s Cross-Connection Control Section at (808) 748-5470.