

A Notice About

METER TAMPERING

Once each year we are obligated to notify our customers that meter tampering and the theft of water is illegal.

Ohio law sets penalties for these illegal acts:

- Tampering with or by-passing a water meter or utility attachment with the intent to steal water.
- Knowingly using water which has not been correctly metered because of tampering.
- Reconnecting water service that has been disconnected by Adams County Regional Water District for nonpayment or other reasons.
- Knowingly consuming water which has been unlawfully reconnected.

A fine of up to \$2500 and imprisonment for up to 5 years are specified penalties for those convicted of any of these offenses. A customer can be held responsible for any tampering or unauthorized reconnection involving a meter under his or her control.

We know that a great majority of our customers do not and would not engage in any such dishonest action. But just like shoplifting, the acts of a few can cause higher rates for everyone. For this reason, we will prosecute those who tamper with a meter or illegally reconnect service.

If you know or suspect any cases of tampering or unlawful practices, please report them at once to:

Adams County Regional Water District

Phone: 937-544-2396

In an effort to serve you more efficiently we install meters with electronic reading capabilities. This equipment is very expensive and caution must be observed when mowing grass or doing general maintenance work around the meter area. Please be careful not to damage this equipment. If you damage this equipment, you will be responsible for the replacement cost which could be near \$1000.00 with all the costs associated with meter damage.