

# **IRRIGATION PERMIT PROCEDURE**

## **Commercial and Residential**

### **Two (2) complete plan sets will be required containing the following information:**

- 1) Building Permit Application available at [www.elpasotexas.gov](http://www.elpasotexas.gov)
- 2) Property address
- 3) Dimensioned site plan drawn to scale.

A permit is required when any person is installing irrigation systems or doing major alteration, repair, or service to an irrigation system within the territorial limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of the City of El Paso.

A registered contractor with the City of El Paso may call in over the phone and pay for the permit with a credit card. If a homeowner pulls an irrigation permit they must come to the One-Stop Shop offices located at 811 Texas Ave. and pay for the permit in person. The home you are irrigating shall be designated as your homestead. There are no other requirements.

Upon completion of the irrigation system, major repair, alteration or service the permit holder shall call the City of El Paso to schedule a final inspection.

The permit holder for a residential final inspection shall provide the City Inspector with a plan stamped by a licensed irrigator, proof that the backflow was tested and works properly (if required) and make sure that the system was installed in compliance with local ordinances and state laws.

The homeowner can obtain a list of persons certified to test backflow devices by calling the El Paso Water Utilities. Their phone number is 915-594-5500.

The permit holder for commercial property shall insure that the system was installed per City approved plans and that it complies with local ordinances and state laws. The permit holder shall provide the City Inspector with a City approved set of plans (where applicable) and proof that the backflow was tested upon installation.

## **Frequently Asked Irrigation Questions**

Question: When is a permit required for irrigation?

Answer: A permit is required when a person is installing, altering, or performing major repair or service to an irrigation system within the city limits or surrounding ETJ.

Question: What is major repair or service?

Answer: Major repair or service is when any activity involved opening the system mainline to the atmosphere. This includes but not limited to repairing or connecting to the mainline, replacing or adding control valves to the system and repairing the backflow device where it is open to the atmosphere.

Question: Who can pull an irrigation permit?

Answer: Any person, who connects, repairs, alters irrigation systems shall hold a master plumbers license, be a licensed irrigator in the State of Texas or a homeowner. A homeowner may install his or her system if the work is being performed at their homestead but must meet the standards set forth by the State and local government. Local standards can be obtained by going to the city web site at [www.elpasotexas.gov](http://www.elpasotexas.gov) and look under municipal code 18.47.

Question: What do I do when I am finished with my installation?

Answer: When you have completed the installation, you shall call the City of El Paso to schedule a final inspection. The number to call 915-313-6100

Question: What should I have ready or how does the inspection process work?

Answer: You should expect an inspector the following day from the day you scheduled the inspection. The inspector shall ask for a plan stamped by a Texas licensed irrigator and paperwork showing that the backflow device was tested upon installation, when required. The inspector shall verify that the installation has met state and local standards under 18.47 of the municipal code and the state law under chapter 344 of TCEQ rules and regulations.

If you have any further questions, please you contact;  
David Kania at 915-472-5970

For help in obtaining information or to contact the Building Permit Division, please call (915) 212-0085 or visit our website at:

<http://www.elpasotexas.gov/planning-and-inspections>