Town of Cary
Policy Statement 132

EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF RECLAIMED WATER SYSTEM
ADOPTED BY COUNCIL: 9/16/2010
EFFECTIVE: 9/16/2010

Purpose and Background
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If reclaimed water is not available to a site for use when that site is ready for development, all on-site secondary water use facilities suitable for reclaimed water shall be designed to be readily converted to use reclaimed water when reclaimed water supply is available to the site. The Town may provide potable water supply to secondary water use facilities on such site, at potable water rates, only until reclaimed water is available to the site and connection to the Town’s reclaimed water system is possible. Such potable water supply shall be isolated from potential backflow from the secondary use facilities by suitable backflow prevention as described in the Town’s Utilities ordinance and Standard Specifications and Details. At the time that reclaimed water is available to the site, permanent disconnection from the potable water system and connection to the reclaimed water system is required. The reclaimed water customer will be responsible for Utility connection fees at the time the connection is made.
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No person shall plumb or alter secondary plumbing fixtures, including irrigation systems, or otherwise modify such potential reclaimed water appurtenances so as to preclude the use of reclaimed water when such becomes available.

This policy directs staff to develop the necessary ordinances and procedures to ensure the effective utilization of the Town’s reclaimed water system.

See Figure 1, the reclaimed water service area.

RELATED POLICY STATEMENTS:
Other policy statements include provisions related to this policy statement, including but not limited to: Policy Statement 23 – Utility System Extension and Connection Policy

http://www.townofcary.org/Departments/Town_Clerk_s_Office/Town_Policies/132.htm