

CHAPTER XXII
IN-GROUND IRRIGATION SYSTEMS
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Section 1. Purpose.

The purpose of this by-law is to protect the availability of water supplied by the Town of Lenox Water Department through the municipal water system by establishing requirements for in-ground irrigation systems.

Section 2. Applicability.

- A. All in-ground irrigation systems installed after the effective date of this by-law will be required to comply with the following:
1. Installation of new in-ground irrigation systems and the expansion of existing systems will be permitted only when the source of water supply is a private well or private water supply owned and under the control of the property owner or a legally created organization of the property owner.
 2. A private well installed for the purpose of this by-law shall be subject to all state, federal or local approvals required for well installation, including but not limited to, regulations administered by the Board of Health, Tri-Town Health, the Conservation Commission and the Building Inspector.
 3. Installation and operation of such systems requires that there be no connection between the private water supply and the municipal water service. Separation using valves or removable sections of pipe is prohibited.
 4. Irrigation systems sourced by private water supplies and operated as described herein shall not be subject to municipal water restrictions imposed by the Board of Selectmen in the event of a Water Restriction.
 5. The Tri-Town Health/Board of Health shall be authorized to issue permits and establish fee schedules for the installation of new in-ground irrigation systems. All other state, federal or local approvals shall be required.
- B. In-ground irrigation systems existing at the effective date of this by-law will be required to comply with the following:
1. Existing in-ground irrigation systems require the installation of rain shut-off devices.
 2. A seller of property covered by these regulations is responsible to inform the purchaser of these requirements.