

Information Memo

To: Real Estate Council of San Antonio
Subject: Update on Manhole Rings and Covers
Date: July 14, 2017
Created By: SAWS Development Department

The purpose of this memorandum is to serve as a record and update the development community regarding a recent specification change for manhole rings and covers.

SAWS is researching sources of stormwater inflow and infiltration (I&I) into SAWS wastewater collection system. One of the findings of the research is that some styles of manhole rings and covers do not meet the leakage requirements in SAWS Specifications. In order to reduce I&I as required by SAWS agreement with the EPA, SAWS is only allowing the installation of manhole rings and covers from manufacturers that meet SAWS leakage test requirements through SAWS Product Standards Committee (PSC).

Currently, only Neenah and East Jordon meet SAWS requirements. Other manufacturers will need to resubmit to SAWS PSC and comply with the leakage test requirements. SAWS has updated our manhole specifications to only allow Neenah and East Jordon, and use bolt down instead of cam lock assemblies.

The local vendors have stated that there is no price difference between the bolt down cover versus the cam lock cover. However in the event that a Developer Customer incurs a cost increase due to the new manhole ring and cover requirements, SAWS will reimburse the Developer Customer the cost differential, or applicable restocking fees, as warranted.

The reimbursement applies to uninstalled products ordered between March 1, 2017 and July 17, 2017 for Counter Permits and General Construction Permits. Requests for reimbursement should be sent to: Sam Mills, P.E., Director of Development, San Antonio Water System, P.O. Box 2449, San Antonio, TX 78298, or by email at smills@saws.org.

Reimbursement requests must be submitted by August 17, 2017 and include documentation (e.g. invoice) establishing proof of the incurred cost increase or restocking fees. SAWS will need a completed W9 form if the recipient is not already set up as a SAWS vendor. Here is a link for a fillable W9 Form: <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>. SAWS will process eligible reimbursements within 30 days of receipt.

Please contact Sam Mills at 210-233-3742 with any questions.