How to access City water for your garden or farm

Neighboring property
With permission from the homeowner, you can access water by connecting a hose to their property. We recommend arranging a way to compensate the property owner for any water used.

Hydrant Garden Permit
To access water through a fire hydrant, apply for a permit by calling Public Works Water Permits and Connections at 612-673-2865. There is a $50 permit fee and a $100 deposit. The $100 deposit will cover the cost of water used. At the end of the growing season, any remaining balance of the deposit will be refunded and any amount due to the City will be billed.

If there is not a hydrant on the same side of the street as your garden or farm, it may be possible for the Sewer Department to run a hose under the street (you will need to provide the hose). Once a permit is approved, Public Works Water Treatment and Distribution Services Division will deliver and install the meter equipment to access water from a hydrant. You will need to provide the hose and a lock to secure the connection.

Direct water hook-up
A private service line that feeds the property can be installed on some occasions. Call Public Works Water Permits and Connections at 612-673-2865 for more information.

Cost
Water accessed through hydrants and direct hook-up will be metered. You will be billed at the same rate as a general property owner in Minneapolis. The rate is set by the City Council.