

Example: $(625 \text{ feet}) / (2 \text{ feet/emitter}) = 312.5$, use 313 emitters

$(313 \text{ emitters}) \times (1.32 \text{ gallons/hour/emitter}) = 413.2 \text{ gallons/hour}$

$(413.2 \text{ gallons/hour}) / (60 \text{ minutes/hour}) = 6.89 \text{ GPM}$, or 7 GPM

10 connections at 1.5 GPM per connection = 15 GPM

Pumping rate: 7 GPM + 15 GPM = 22 GPM

4. Determine feet of head. Multiply the system design pressure (20 psi is standard, but values can vary depending on the drip tube used) by 2.31 feet/psi to get head required to pump against.

Example: $(20 \text{ psi}) \times (2.31 \text{ feet/psi}) = 46.2 \text{ feet of head}$

Add in the frictional head loss from tubing

5. Select a pump. Determine the size of the pump based on gallons per minute (step 3 of suggested design example) and total head (step 4 of suggested design example) needed to deliver a dose to the system. The pump selected for this example must achieve a minimum of 22 GPM plus the flush volume at 46.2 feet of head.

Figure 4-2 shows an overhead view of a typical drip distribution system. Figure 4-3 shows a potential layout of a filter, valve, and meter assembly, and Figure 4-4 illustrates a cross-sectional view of the filter, valve, and meter assembly. Figure 4-5 provides a view of the continuous flush system filter and meter assembly.