

HOW TO READ YOUR WATER METER

The first step is to locate your water meter. Water meters are usually located in the basement or utility room. Water meters may also be found in crawl spaces or under stairs. Water meters are usually near the water heater, washing area, near the main water shut off valve for your residence. For multi-family dwellings and condominiums, the meter is usually found in a meter closet off the hallway to the garages.

The illustrations show typical water meter registers and their features. The registers record in gallons and look like the mileage odometer found in automobiles. The register display is read from left to right, with a maximum display of 9,999,990. One complete revolution of the red hand equals 10 gallons of flow through the meter. The gallon low flow indicator measures 1/16 of 1 gallon per each complete revolution. As you read the water meter, watch the low flow indicator for a few moments. If it is moving clockwise, water is flowing through and being measured by the water meter.

You can check your water usage by taking a meter reading prior to and after use. The difference between those readings is the volume of water used and measured by the water meter. You may also check your water use by using your most recent water bill. By comparing the difference between the reading you take, and the one shown on the water bill, you will know the volume of water used during that time period. It is to your advantage to check your meter reading to assure that it corresponds with your water bill.

