



## HOW TO READ YOUR METER — YES, YOU CAN!

Knowing how to read your water meter can give you great insight into your water usage. It can also help you detect early leaks.

### First things first: where is my meter?

Most meters are located in a concrete box near the front curb of your home.

### It looks complicated. How do I read it?

- Think of it like a car odometer (called a "straight read" meter).
- The digits are read left to right.
- Disregard the two black numbers you see. They measure in units of less than 100 cubic feet (CCF). You are billed for every CCF of water used — equal to 748 gallons.
- The sweep hand represents water being used. One revolution of the sweep hand equals 7.48 gallons of water.
- A small triangle on the meter is the flow indicator. When no water is being used the triangle does not spin. If it is spinning when you are not using water, you likely have a leak.

### What do the numbers mean?

By reading your water meter, you can determine how much water you have used over a period of time. Let's say you have a meter reading of 146 (the total number of units of water recorded since the meter was installed). If the meter shows 156 one month later, that means you've used 10 CCF (1 CCF=100 cubic feet) of water during the one-month period.

### How do I know how many gallons I'm using?

To convert to gallons, simply multiply the number of CCF by 748 gallons.

**Example: 10 CCF x 748 gallons = 7,480 gallons**

You can also determine how much water is used for something specific, like watering your lawn. Read your meter before you begin watering. Read it again afterwards. The difference between the two readings tells you how much water was used.



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