How to Read Your Water Meter

Reading your meter can help you monitor water usage, discover leaks, and conserve water.

Your meter is usually located in a box near the road on the right-of-way at the edge of the property. **Open the box lid carefully**, as there may be an antenna and wire in the lid attached to the meter. And be carful as critters like wasps, snakes, and spiders can take up residence in a meter box.

You should now see the meter. Open the protective cover to reveal the meter face.

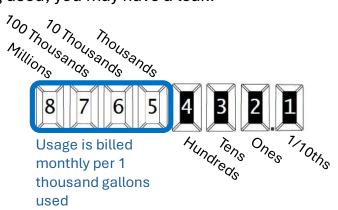


Meter Dial – Read from left to right and determines how much water has been used since it was installed.

Flow Indicator – This spins if water is flowing through the meter. If it is spinning when no water is being used, you may have a leak.

The numbers on the dial are read from left to right and measure gallons of water used. Take a clear picture and note the time and day of the numbers on the dial. To remember when it was taken, you may want to write the time and date on a piece of paper to include in the picture.

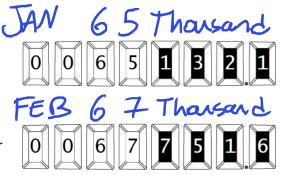
For billing purposes, only the numbers on white dials are used (circled in blue).



HOW TO CALCULATE USAGE:

If in January the meter reads 65,132.1 gallons (sixty-five thousand, one-hundred thirty-two and 1 tenth gallons), the meter is read as **65 thousand gallons**.

Then if in February the meter reads 67,751.6 (sixty-seven thousand, seven-hundred one and 6 tenths gallons), the meter is read as **67 thousand gallons**.



Subtract 65 from 67, and you would be billed for using 2 thousand gallons.

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2 Thousand
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These meters look different, but they are read in the same way by using the white dials.

