

## How to Read Your Water Meter



### Flow Indicator

Used when measuring very low flow through the meter.

### Meter Dial

### Leak Indicator

If no water is being used inside or outside, this indicator should not be moving. If it is rotating, you may have a leak.

### Place Holder

Indicated by [0]

### Meter Register

Every turn of a number in the first black register measures 10 gallons; the second, 100 gallons.

Every turn of a number in the white register measures 1000 gallons

Your water meter is much like your car's odometer, showing the cumulative total of water that has run through your meter. The sweep hand, which moves like a clock hand, measures each gallon of water up to 10 gallons. The first number on the right of the total is a stationary zero. There's no need for it to move because the sweep hand does its work. Except for the stationary zero, the reset of the number is read like an odometer. The movable dials to the left of the stationary zero read in 10s, 100s, 1,000s of gallons, etc.

### Determining Your Water Usage

1. Select a day to take an initial water meter reading.
2. Write down the numbers you see on the meter odometer. (ex. 0260000)
3. After a period of time has passed (such as a day or week), read your meter again at approximately the same time of day. (ex. new reading of 0263000)
4. Subtract your first reading from the second reading. This is your water usage for that period. (ex.  $0263000 - 0260000 = 3000$ ) The 3000 figure indicates that 3,000 gallons of water have been used during the time period between the two readings.