

Is your home or business is leak free?

Follow these easy steps to check if you might have a leak:

Locate your water meter ►

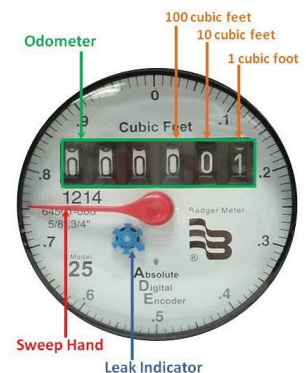
- Your water meter is usually located near the edge of the road in a concrete or plastic box with a lid.
- Open the lid to view the meter. It is not unusual for this box to be full of dirt or water.



How to Read Your Water Meter

Most meter registers look like the one pictured to the right.

- Sweep Hand: The sweep hand will rotate when water passes through the meter. One complete turn of the hand equals 1 cubic foot of water or 7.48 gallons.
- Leak Indicator: The leak indicator will rotate with very little water flow. Any water moving through the meter is detected, so even small leaks will register.
- Odometer: The odometer records total water use in a similar way as the odometer in your car records miles driven. The water meter odometer records water use in cubic feet and displays as follows: The digits from right to left represent 1 cubic foot, 10 cubic feet, 100 cubic feet and so on. Like a car odometer, the water meter odometer cannot be altered.



Check for leaks ►

- Turn off all water-using appliances and fixtures inside and outside your home or business. Use no water during the test period.
- Locate the water meter at the front of your property (usually in a concrete box).
- Check and record the current meter reading.
- Wait 30 minutes without using any water inside or outside.
- Check the meter again and compare readings. If the numbers have changed, there may be a leak that needs your attention. Also, watch the leak detection indicator for a minute. If the indicator moves, even at a slow rate, you may have a leak.
- Visit our website at www.awwd.com for more information; select How-to Tips from the menu.



Monitor your water use ►

Read the odometer and record the current water meter reading and the date you read it. After a period of time (we suggest 7 days) read the odometer again and record the new meter reading and date.

- Subtract the first reading from the second reading. This is your water use in cubic feet during the period.
- Multiply the water use by 7.48. This is your water use in gallons during the period.
- Divide the water use in gallons by the number of days between readings. This is your average gallons per day during the period.
- Estimates vary, but each person uses about 80-100 gallons of water per day.