Reading Your Water Meter

Locating your water meter

The meter is generally located near the curb in front of your home, housed in a concrete box labeled water. Carefully remove the lid with a tool such as a screwdriver, and set it aside to expose the meter.

How to read a water meter

Reading a water meter is similar to reading a car odometer. The meter measures volume of water in **cubic feet**. On Meter A, the first digit on the right represents one cubic foot; the second from the right represents 10 cubic feet, and so forth. In meter B the first digit to the left of the decimal represents one cubic foot. The sweep hand registers fractions of a cubic foot. Meters can be read to the nearest 0.01 cubic foot.

- One cubic foot equals **7.48 gallons** of water.

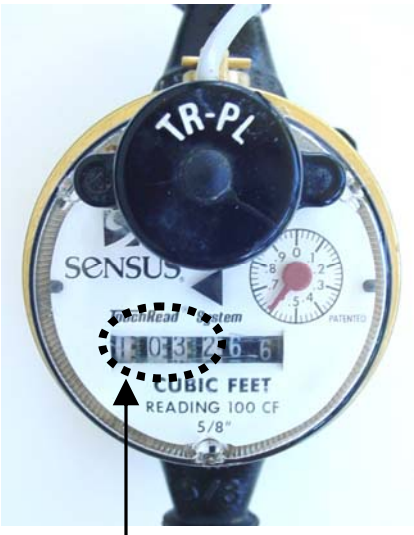
Your water bill is figured in 100 cubic foot increments, known as billing units or "CCF". Each billing unit is equal to 748 gallons.

To read your meter for billing purposes, read the four numbers on the left. For example, in the meters pictured to the right, meter A's read is 1032 CCF and meter B's read is 9997 CCF.

You can use your bill to compare your last meter reading to your current usage. The meter reading on your bill is listed under the "current" heading in the section below the water consumption graph.

Two common types of water meters:

Meter A



Read these digits for billing purposes

Meter B