

## How to read your water meter

About 90 percent of all area residential water meters are located underground and in the front sidewalk or yard of your home near the property line. The meter is located in a protective box with a lid marked either "water" or "meter."



### Locate the water meter box in the sidewalk or near your property line.

Remove the meter box lid using a screwdriver or appropriate tool (Some meter box lids have removable inserts to make reading easier).

Lift the meter cap over the lens and position yourself to read the meter. Face the meter so that the "0" on the outer dial is at the top.

**Locate the number bar of the meter face.** Write down the number reading from left to right. Note the number on the far right does not move.

After obtaining your reading, close the meter cap to prevent damage to the lens.

Replace the meter box lid to avoid damaging the meter.

When you read the meter again, simply subtract the first (previous) reading from the present reading.

The dial on the meter's face will move as long as water is running in your household. When the large red hand has made one complete full circle (revolution), ten (10) gallons of water has been used. The reading on this meter is 59,283 gallons.



**You may notice a small red triangle.** This triangle is a leak indicator. Any small movement of water (drops or drips) will make the triangle turn. Any movement of the triangle indicates a leak in your plumbing or you may have a faucet or toilet that may be using water continuously..... an you did not even notice!