How to read your water meter

Your water meter measures the amount of water used in your household, and the readings from the meter determine the amount of your monthly water bill. Residents are encouraged to read their meters to verify billing and to monitor water use. A routine check of your water meter could alert you to a water leak if the readings are unusually high. Most water meters are located outside the house under a metal lid, in the parking strip by the front curb or in the front yard.

If a meter is failing, it will likely slow down. When a meter slows down, it is calculating less water moving through than water used. It is not uncommon for a customer's bill to increase slightly after the change out of an old meter. The meter maintenance program is budgeted every fiscal year to include the change out of older meters. Meters are changed out after 1 million gallons have been registered.

Badger Meter LCD

The Badger LCD meter is read from left to right. The first 4 numbers are the 1000's that we read (example - 129,393.92 gallons total went through this meter since it was installed).

Position value of each number from left to right are as follows:

1) 0 is million gallons (far left 0)
2) 1 is 100,000 gallons
3) 2 is 10,000 gallons
4) 9 is 1000 gallons
5) 3 is 100 gallons
6) 9 is 10 gallons
7) 3 is 1 gallon
8) 9 is a tenth of a gallon
9) 2 is a hundredth of a gallon

The screen will flash, 3rd screen will have a 0.00 gpm. If any number shows in that screen, that is the flow going through the meter.

Badger Meter ADE

The Badger ADE meter is read from left to right. The first 4 numbers are the 1000's that we read (example - 453,286 gallons total went through this meter since it was installed).

Position value of each number from left to right are as follows:

1) 0 is million gallons (far left 0)
2) 4 is 100,000 gallons
3) 5 is 10,000 gallons
4) 3 is 1000 gallons
5) 2 is 100 gallons
6) 8 is 10 gallons
7) 0 is on gallon (stationary number - for this you go to whichever number the RED pointer is on, in this case it would be 6 because it has not passed the 7)

If the RED circle is moving, there is water currently flowing through the meter.

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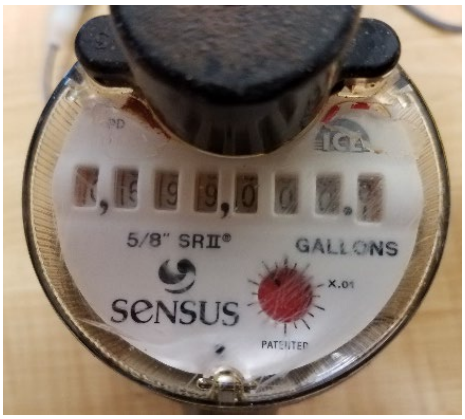
Sensus meter



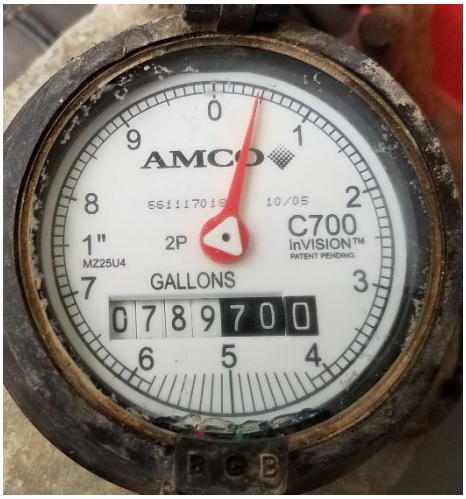
The Sensus meter is read from left to right. The first 4 numbers are the 1000's that we read (example - 699,000.0 gallons total went through this meter since it was installed).

Position value of each number from left to right are as follows:

1) 0 is millions gallons (far left 0)
2) 6 is 100,000 gallons
3) 9 is 10,000 gallons
4) 9 is 1000 gallons
5) 0 is 100 gallons
6) 0 is 10 gallons
7) 0 is 1 gallon
8) 1 is a tenth of a gallon (decimal point 1)

If the RED circle is moving, there is water currently flowing through the meter.

AMCO



The AMCO meter is read from left to right. The first 4 numbers are the 1000's that we read (example - 789,700 gallons total went through this meter since it was installed).

Position value of each number from left to right are as follows:

1) 0 is million gallons (far left 0)
2) 7 is 100,000 gallons
3) 8 is 10,000 gallons
4) 9 is 1000 gallons
5) 7 is 100 gallons
6) 0 is ten gallons
7) 0 is 1 gallon (stationary number - for this you go to whichever number the RED pointer is on. In this case, it would be a zero because it has not passed the 1.)

If the WHITE triangle is moving, there is water currently flowing through the meter.

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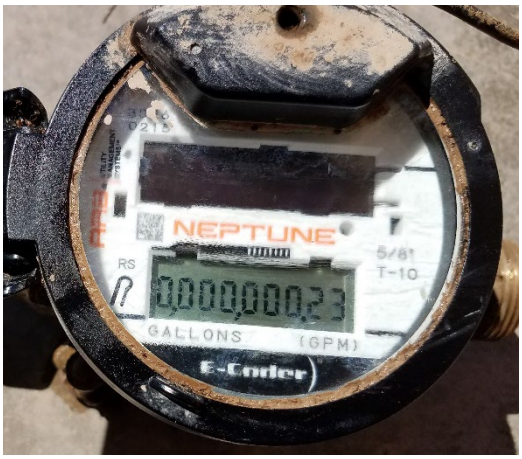
Neptune LCD



This Neptune LCD meter is read from left to right. If no numbers show up, clean off the whole screen and point a flashlight on it. The first 4 numbers are the 1,000's that the meter team read to establish the usage to be billed monthly (example 0 gallons have gone through this meter since it was installed). From left to right are as follows:

Position value of each number from left to right are as follows:

1) 0 is Million gallons (far left 0)
2) 0 is 100,000 gallons
3) 0 is 10,000 gallons
4) 0 is 1000 gallons
5) 0 is 100 gallons
6) 0 is 10 gallons
7) 0 is 1 gallon
8) 2 is a tenth of a gallon
9) 3 is a 100th of a gallon

The screen will change, and flow will show as 0.00. Any other numbers on that screen mean that water is flowing at that rate through the meter.