

MONITORING WATER CONSUMPTION

By learning to read your water meter, you can track your water consumption and avoid surprises on your utility bill. The handy chart below will help.

Your water meter (see photo) has seven number slots on the number wheel, but the first one from the right does not move.

Once the meter's red needle makes a complete revolution, the second number slot registers one, indicating the use of 10 gallons of water (the smallest increment of measure on the meter).

The third slot measures water in increments of 100 gallons. Both the 10 and 100 number slots are black with white numbers.



The remaining number slots are white with black numbers (these will correspond to the meter reading indicated on your utility bill). The fourth measures water use in increments of 1,000 gallons, the fifth measures 10,000 gallons, the sixth measures 100,000 gallons, and so on.

To get total consumption, subtract the previous read from the current read.

Residents are billed for each 1,000 gallons of water (indicated on the fourth number slot). When this slot reaches 9, it will return to 0 after another 1,000 gallons are used and the fifth slot will move to one, recording the consumption of 10,000 gallons, and so on.

BILLING MONTHS

Use the chart that applies to your billing cycle and start keeping track of how much water your household uses each month.

Cycle 1: Dec, March, June, Sept

WATER USAGE CHART	
January	
February	
March	
	bill due April 28
April	
May	
June	
new rates in effect	bill due July 28
July	
August	
September	
	bill due October 28
October	
November	
December	
	bill due January 28

Cycle 2: Jan, April, July, Dec

WATER USAGE CHART	
February	
March	
April	
new rates in effect	bill due May 28
May	
June	
July	
	bill due August 28
August	
September	
October	
	bill due November 28
November	
December	
January	
	bill due February 28

Cycle 3: Feb, May, Aug, Nov

WATER USAGE CHART	
March	
April	
May	
new rates in effect	bill due June 28
June	
July	
August	
	bill due September 28
September	
October	
November	
	bill due December 28
December	
January	
February	
	bill due March 28

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