

# 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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