

READING YOUR METER

By finding on your water bill the item which indicates current read, and then reading your meter, you can estimate how much water you are consuming per day. Subtract the read on your bill from the read on your meter and then divide that answer by the number of days since the water district read your meter.

EXAMPLE OF BILL

Previous Read	Current Read	Usage	Date Read
817	841	24 HCF	6/19/08
Current Read	Your Read	Usage	Date you read
841	853	12 HCF	6/30/08

12 units divided by 11 days = 1.1 hundred cubic feet (HCF) per day.

CUBIC FEET TO GALLONS CONVERSION

1 cubic foot of water = 7.48 Gallons

10 cubic feet of water = 74.8 Gallons

100 cubic feet of water = 748 Gallons

748 gallons or 100 cubic feet = 1 unit which is what the customer is billed for.

Reading your meter is no more difficult than reading the odometer in your vehicle. The odometer in your car will not register any mileage unless the vehicle is moving. Likewise, your water meter can only register usage when water is flowing through it. On the face of the register is a rectangular space with numbers, much like your car's odometer. All meters used here in the high desert measure water by cubic feet. Usually, your water bill will depict the number of cubic feet used, converting that number to gallons. For ease of billing, water districts only bill for each hundred cubic feet used by the customer.

Looking at the register to right, the numbers read 081710, which is the total number of cubic feet of water recorded since the meter was installed. Because our charge is based on units of 100 cubic feet, the read would be 817. The last two digits on the right are discarded.



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