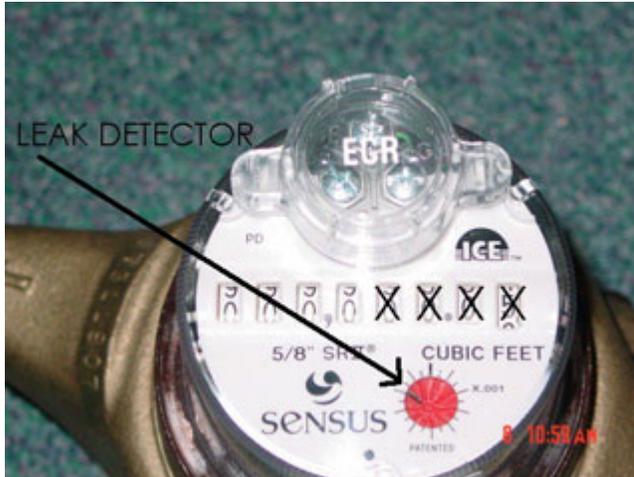


Monitoring Your Water Usage

See the photo below of an example meter. This picture will look the same or very similar to your meter. Different meters may look different, but the method of reading them is the same.



Here are some facts:

- One (1) cubic foot of water equals 7.48 gallons
- When reading your meter, ignore the first four (4) numbers on the right side of the meter, as they are not used for billing purposes. Billing is done in units of 100 cubic feet. Thus, if your bill indicates usage of “8” units. This equates to 800 cubic feet”.
- There is usually some sort of “leak detector” on your meter. Typically a small triangle or “gear” that spins when even the smallest amount of water passes through the meter. If you have turned off all water but still see this leak detector spinning, you should check your home for leaks (the most common culprit is a leaking toilet).

To check your average water consumption, simply get an initial read and then an ending read. **For example**, on Monday you check your meter and it reads “**84**” (remember – don’t count the first four numbers on the right). Next Monday you check your meter and it reads “**87**”. Here is how to calculate your water usage:

Ending Read – Beginning Read * 100 = Cubic Feet Used

Cubic Feet Used * 7.48 = Gallons Used

Gallons Used / # days between reads = gallons per day

87 – 84 * 100 = 300 cubic feet

300 cubic feet * 7.48 = 2244 gallons

2244 gallons / 7 days = 320 gallons per day (gpd)

NOTE: This same calculation can be used to determine average water use from your water bill.

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