

How to Find and Read my Water Meter

1) **Locate your Water Meter:** Most residential water meters are located near the curb or sidewalk at the front of the property in a concrete "box." The water meter box will have a metal lid. (Fig. A)

2) **Opening the Meter Box:** Use caution upon opening the lid as insects, reptiles or other small animals occasionally take residence inside the boxes. Use a long screwdriver to remove the lid.

Some water meters will have a small, hinged cover while others may not. Lift the cover and use a damp rag to wipe the face clean. (Fig. B)



3) Turn-Off all indoor and outdoor water –using devices- including evaporative cooler, water softeners and icemaker.

4) Observe the sweep hand. If it is moving, you have a continuous leak. Observe the low- flow indicator. If it is moving, you have a continuous leak. (Fig. C) Some leaks are so small that the movement is almost undetectable. To determine if you have a slow leak: Read your water meter and record the numbers. Use the number indicated by the sweep hand as the final digit.

5) Wait 20 minutes then read your water meter again and record the numbers.

6) Subtract the first water meter reading from the second. If gallons used is greater than zero, you have a leak.