

LEARN HOW TO READ YOUR RESIDENTIAL WATER METER

Monitor Your Water Use, Check for Leaks, and Stay Within Your Mandatory Rationing Limits

You should have recently received a letter that informed you of your property's monthly water allocation amount. It is your responsibility to stay within your water allocation every month.

Reading your water meter and knowing how much water you are currently using will help you to keep your water use within your monthly water allocation.

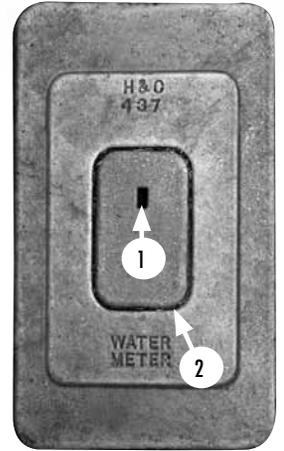
Locate Your Property's Water Meter and Open It

It can usually be found in a ground-level concrete box near the street.

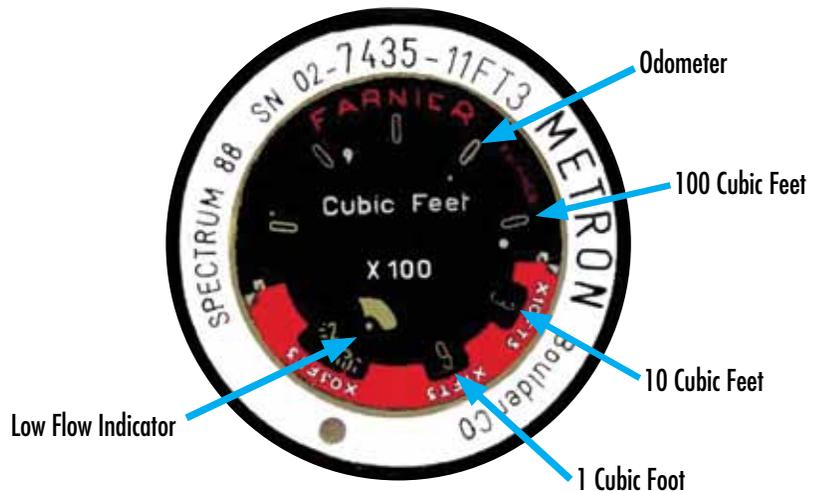
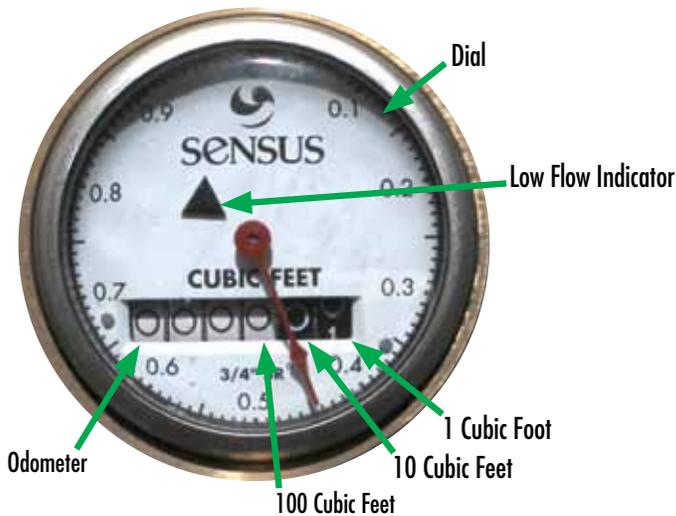
Bring a flashlight and two large flat head screwdrivers to open the meter box cover. You may want gloves, too. Clear away any spiders or leaves with a screwdriver.

1. Stick one screwdriver in the hole to use as a lever.
2. Use the other screwdriver to pry up the outer edge.
3. Lift the lid just enough to slide it away from the opening with your foot. (Replace the lid by sliding it back into place.)

Inside the meter box is a hinged meter cover. Flip the cover into an upright position to read the meter face.



The District Uses Several Different Types of Residential Water Meters



Parts of Your Water Meter *Most meters in Montecito look like the ones pictured above.*

Dial. As water passes through the meter the dial rotates. One full rotation of the dial = 7.48 gallons or 1 cubic foot of water.

Low Flow Indicator. The low flow indicator measures any water moving through the

meter. It will rotate even with a small leak.

Odometer. The meter's odometer records total water use in cubic feet. 1 cubic foot (.01 HCF), 10 cubic feet (.1 HCF), 100 cubic feet (1 HCF).

How To Detect A Leak

Shut off all the faucets, hoses and sprinklers on your property. If the low flow indicator is moving, you have a leak.

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It is Critical That You Record Your Water Use Early in the Billing Period.

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If you cannot locate your meter, are disabled, or you would like District Staff to show you where it is located and how to read it, please contact us at: (805) 969-2271.

