



# Your Water Meter

Most meters are located in a box in the ground near the street. Open the lid to read your meter inside.

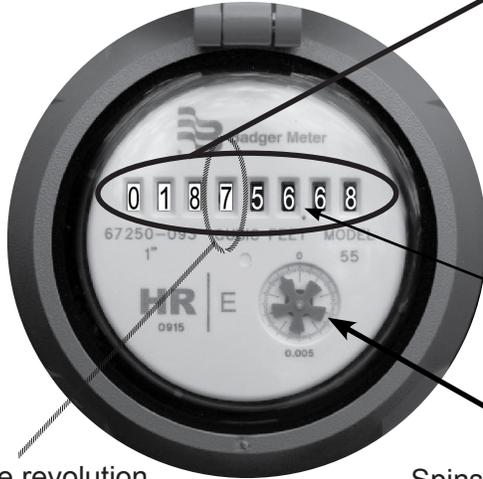
## REGISTER:

Numbers with the white background are read each month for your bill. These meters show a reading of 0187 HCF (hundred cubic feet).

One revolution of this digit = 7.48 gallons.

## FLOW INDICATOR:

Spins when water flows through the meter. If the "snowflake" is moving and you are not aware of any water being used, you may have a leak.



One revolution of this digit = 1 billing unit = 1 HCF.



One spin of the needle = 7.48 gallons.

## HOW TO MEASURE YOUR WATER USE

Your water meter measurements are in cubic feet

1 cubic foot = 7.48 gallons  
100 cubic feet (HCF) = 748 gallons = 1 billing unit

To find the amount of water used by an irrigation zone, a specific appliance, or to check for leaks, record meter readings before and after a water usage event.

*Example:* Record the number on your meter. Run a zone of irrigation for 1 minute (with no other water being used) and record the new meter reading.

Reading after 1 mins: **0 1 8 7 5 8 8 8**

Subtract original reading: **0 1 8 7 5 7 5 5**

Water used = 0.0133 HCF, or 1.33 cubic feet  
(187.58.88 - 187.57.55 = 0.0133 HCF)

To convert to gallons, multiply 1.33 cubic feet x 7.48 gallons = 9.95 gallons used in 1 minute.

## HOW TO SHUT OFF YOUR WATER

### Shut-off Valve

Most homes have a shut-off valve where the water line enters the house and/or at the water meter. In the case of a broken pipe or when repairing plumbing, shut off the valve by turning the valve perpendicular to the pipe. If you do not have a homeowner shut-off valve, or if it doesn't easily turn, call (805) 564-5413.

