

Water Conservation Tips

Don't Be a Water Waster! Follow these tips and help to save hundreds of gallons of water!

- Install a low-flow showerhead, then take only 5-minute showers or 3-inch baths.
- Install 1.6 gallon ultra-low-flush toilets, which can save 2 - 5 gallons per flush.
- Catch water in a bucket or watering can while waiting for it to get hot. Then use it on plants, or pour into toilet bowl to flush.
- Fix all leaky toilets, faucets, and pipes.
- Do not use the toilet to flush trash.
- Turn off the water when shaving, brushing teeth, lathering in the shower, washing dishes, or cleaning produce.
- Run only full loads in dishwashers and washing machines.
- Water your lawn no more than once a week and install a weather-based irrigation controller. Water outdoors in the early morning or evening.
- Use a bucket, sponge, and a hose with a shut-off valve, to wash your car.
- Sweep (never hose) your driveway, patio and sidewalk.

For more information on rebates for indoor and outdoor water-saving devices, please visit:
www.mwdoc.com/rebates.

Make Every Drop Count

Water Used For Common Activities

Brushing teeth.....	3 gallons a day
Shower	40 gallons every 10 minutes
Bath.....	20 gallons
Toilet.....	28 gallons a day per person
Washing machine	45 gallons per load
Cooking	5 gallons per day
Dishwasher	15 gallons per load
Hosing driveway	150 gallons
Washing car	150 gallons

Not so common

Filling a swimming pool....	20,000 - 25,000 gallons
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Water Billing.....	(714) 741-5078
Water Services	(714) 741-5395
7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Mon. - Thurs.
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m....	Alternating Fridays Closed Alternating Fridays
Water Emergency Services	
After Hours.....	(714) 741-5704



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Use Water Wisely



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Reasons for a High Water Bill

From time to time, the City receives inquiries from customers because of, what appears to be, an unusually high water bill. The following are brief explanations of possible reasons for high water usage, all of which can, and do, contribute to widely fluctuating water bills.

A Little Costs A Lot!

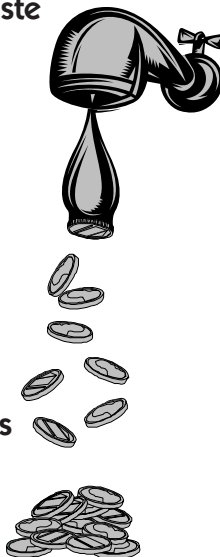
Leaks in the plumbing; the number one reason for high water bills. Just a slow drip can add up to 20 gallons a day. The most common leaks are in the bathroom involving the flushing mechanisms within the toilet tanks. Check all faucets for leaks caused by worn washers. Leaks outside the house can be extremely wasteful, especially when they occur in the main water line. Have leaks repaired as soon as discovered.

Seasonal Increases

Water usage can increase during warmer and drier weather. During this time, most of the water piped into homes is directed back out through hoses onto lawns and gardens. When more water is used outside, the potential for wasted water is greater. High usage can be due to excessive watering of lawns and shrubs, or forgetting to turn off the water, sending it wastefully down the storm drains.

Top Ten Water Wasters

1. **Over watering your lawn**
750 - 1,500 gallons a month
2. **Leaky faucets**
20 gallons a day for every leak
3. **Running the hose while washing your car**
150 gallons a wash
4. **High-flow showerhead**
500 - 800 gallons a month
5. **Partial loads in the washing machine and dishwasher**
300 - 800 gallons a month
6. **Long showers**
700 gallons a month
7. **Hosing driveways and sidewalks**
150 gallons each time
600 gallons a month
8. **Using toilet as a waste basket**
400 - 600 gallons a month
9. **Letting tap water warm up without capturing any**
200 - 300 gallons a month
10. **Sprinklers watering driveways, sidewalks or gutters**
500 gallons a month



"Read Any Good Meters Lately?"

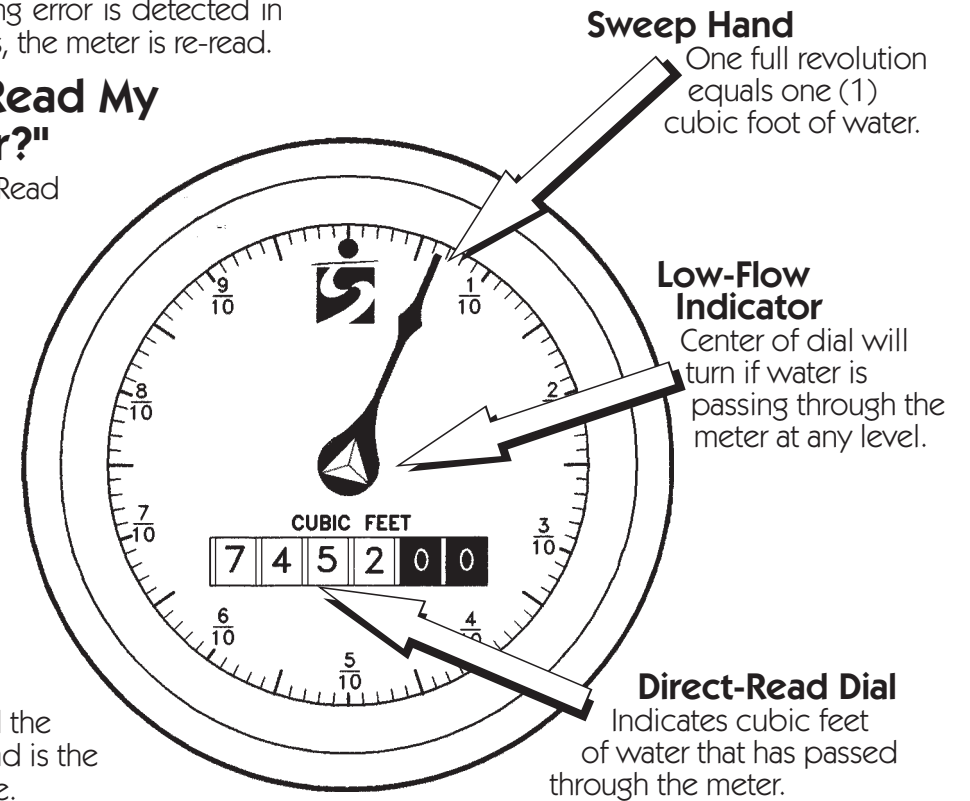
Our Meter Readers are responsible for reading approximately 500 meters per day. The meters are read with a computerized reading device which virtually eliminates reading errors.

If a potential reading error is detected in our control process, the meter is re-read.

"How Do I Read My Water Meter?"

To read the Direct-Read Dial, read from left to right. Record all numbers except the last two. For example, in this illustration, the reading would be 7452. Since water is billed by the unit (see Water Data), this means 7452 units of water have passed through the meter, and the difference between 7452 and the previous billing read is the current water usage.

Water Data	
100 cubic feet =	1 unit of water or 748 gallons
1 cubic foot =	7.48 gallons



"How Do I Know If I Have A Leak In My Plumbing?"

1. Turn off all water inside and outside your home. (Be sure the main house valve remains open.)
2. Observe your water meter. With the water off, the sweep hand and the low-flow indicator should remain stationary. If either are moving, water is passing through the meter, and you may have a leak in your plumbing.

Remember...

- It is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain a clean meter box.
- City water shut-off valves are not to be operated by anyone besides City personnel. If damaged, responsible party is liable for repairs/damages.