



# How to Read Your Water Meter



## LOCATION OF YOUR WATER METER



Figure 1

**Where your meter is located:** Water meters (Figure 1) are located in the ground in the alleyway behind the property or in the front yard in the parkway. They typically have the word “WATER” on the cement or metal top and are set in a concrete box. Inside your meter box is also a gray transponder box (Figure 2) which reports hourly water usage data to the City.

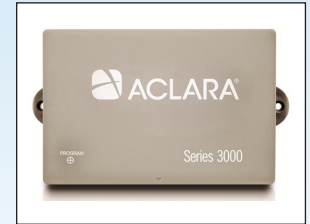


Figure 2

**Caution:** Wear gloves when accessing your meter as spiders can nest inside. When lifting the cover to the meter box, set it carefully to the side to avoid damaging the gray box that is attached with wire to the underside of the cover.

## READING YOUR WATER METER

**How to read your water meter:** The register screen is solar activated and will only turn on with sufficient light from the sun or a flashlight. Once activated, the screen will flash with two readings, a “long” read and a “short” read.

**What the long read means:** The long read on your meter shows the total consumption of water used and is taken at the end of each two month billing period. The consumption is displayed like an odometer on a car. It is measured and displayed in cubic feet. One cubic foot equals 7.48 gallons. **Ex:** When the three numbers on the right move up from 8.30 to 9.30, one cubic foot of water (or 7.48 gallons) has flowed through the meter. Water

usage on your utility bill is provided in hundred cubic feet or 748 gallons.

**What the short read means:** The short read is the rate of water flowing through the meter in cubic feet per minute. If no water is being used, the read should be “00.00”. If you are using water or have a continuous

flow issue, there will be a rate of flow shown, as well as a flashing arrow on top right side of the display.

It is normal for the flow rate to vary depending on the amount of water flowing through the meter.



## WATER TRACKER PROGRAM



**Water Tracker Program:** This free on-line program displays the water usage data from your meter and allows you to monitor your water usage. It can be set up to notify you of high water use and continuous water flow issues.

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