

How to Read a Water Meter

All customers served by the Farm Hill Utilities, Inc. water system have their water use measured by a meter. This results in each customer paying their share of operating the system based upon the amount of water used.

There are several reasons why you'd want to be able to locate and read your water meter.

First, you might be interested in just how much water you use in a day. By reading your meter at the beginning and the end of the day, you can compare the two totals to learn how much water you and your family used. Multiply this number by 7 and you can estimate your household consumption during a typical week. The second reason to read your meter is to check for leaks. If you turn off all the taps in your house and your meter is still turning, chances are that you have a leak somewhere.

Here are some hints to help you find and read your water meter:

■ Locate Your Meter

Your water meter is generally located near the curb in front of your home or place of business in a direct line with the main outside faucet. It is housed in a concrete, plastic or metal box depending on the surrounding area. Should you need assistance in locating your meter, please call our office at 968-2573

After locating your meter, carefully remove the lid by using a tool such as a large screwdriver. Please, do not use your fingers. Insert the tool into one of the holes and pry the lid off. Visually examine the area around the meter to make sure there are no harmful insects or other animals.

■ What Your Meter Measures

All Farm Hill Utilities, Inc. meters measure water in gallons. Charges for the amount of water consumed are based on the number of gallons you use during a billing period.

■ How to Read a Meter

In the meter at the right, the reading is taken from the figures shown over the word "Gallons". The meter reads 18,630 which is the total number of gallons of water recorded since the meter was installed.



