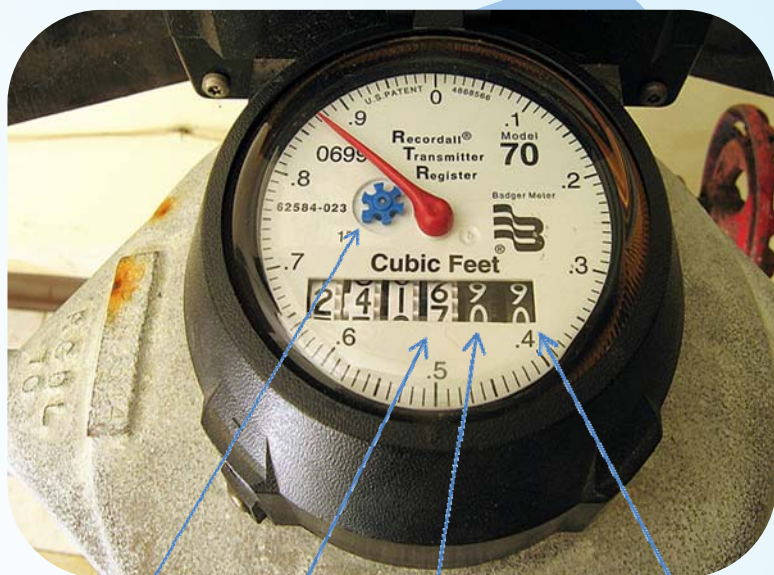


How To Read Your Water Meter

Knowing how to read your water meter allows you to easily and quickly track water usage on your property, including usage trends and potential spikes due to leaks.

Rancho California Water District (RCWD) measures and bills water usage by HCF (*hundred cubic feet*). 1 HCF is equivalent to 748 gallons of water. An average home will have a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch meter that will display 6 digits, similar to an odometer in a vehicle (*see the example shown below*).



Leak Indicator

Hundred Cubic Feet

Ten Cubic Feet

One Cubic Foot

The number furthest to the right equals one cubic foot. When this dial moves up one digit that means the water meter has registered 7.48 gallons of water. The second number to the left of it represents 10 cubic feet. When this dial moves up one digit that means your water meter has registered 74.8 gallons of water. RCWD discards these two numbers which will normally appear with a black background (*as in the example on the left*). The third digit from the right (*appearing with a white background*) represents 100 cubic feet. When this dial moves up one digit this mean that your water meter has registered 748 gallons of water and you will now be billed for 1 HCF (*hundred cubic feet*).

The water meter shown in the picture above reads 2416.99. RCWD discards the last two digits (which appear with a black background) so your starting read would be 2416. Notice in the example above that the first three digits are in between numbers. When the water meter register goes from 2416.99 to 2417.00 this means your water meter has registered 1 HCF and you will now be billed for 1 HCF.

Leak Indicator:

Your water meter can also serve you as a leak detector. First you must be sure all water is turned off on your property (faucets, sprinklers, dish washer, etc). Your water meter displays a blue leak indicator located on the left side of the gauge. If the leak indicator shows the slightest movement, this mean water is running and could be an indication of a leak on your property.

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