



# Let's Save Together waterwise

City of Santa Barbara

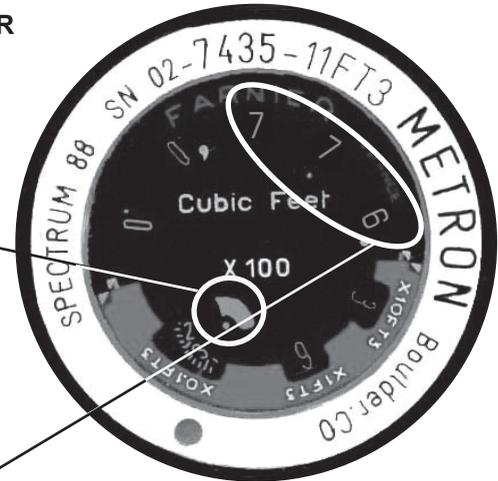
## Your Meter

Your meter is located in a vault in the ground near the street. Open the lid to read your meter inside.

### HOW TO READ YOUR METER



**FLOW INDICATOR:**  
Spins when water flows through the meter. If the triangle, needle, or silver crescent is moving and no water is being used, you have a leak.



**REGISTER:**

These meters are showing a reading of 00776 HCF (hundred cubic feet).

## your water bill

### How to use your meter

**Your water meter measurements are based in cubic feet.**

1 cubic foot = 7.48 gallons

1 billing unit = 1 HCF (Hundred Cubic Feet) = 748 gallons

#### How to calculate your average daily water usage:

Service Period	Meter Reading
To 10/05	000310 HCF
From 9/04	000300 HCF
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	10 HCF (or billing units)
	x 748 gallons = 1 HCF
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	= 7,480 gallons

**7,480 gallons / 30 billing days = 250 avg. daily gallons**

#### How to calculate your water usage over a period of time:

Record your meter readings before and after a certain period of time, then subtract the readings to find your usage.

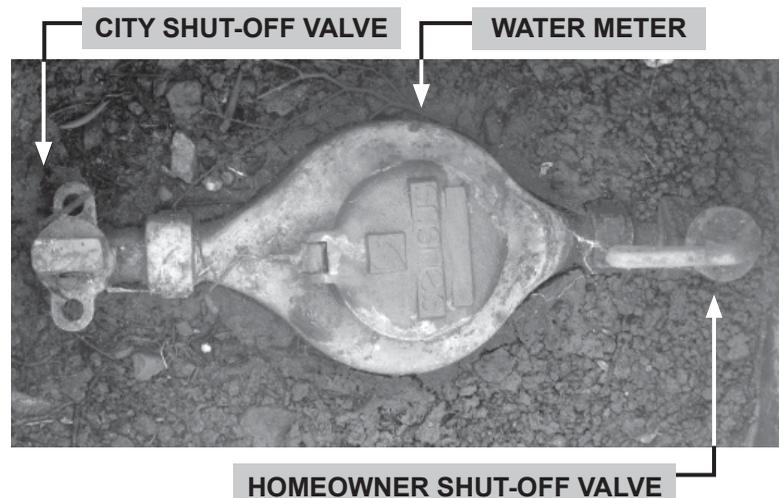
2nd reading	515 HCF
1st reading	- 512 HCF
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	3 HCF (or billing units)
	x 748 gallons
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	= 2,244 gallons of water used

## shut-off valve

### 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 case of a broken pipe or when repairing plumbing, shut off the valve by turning the valve perpendicular to the pipe..



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