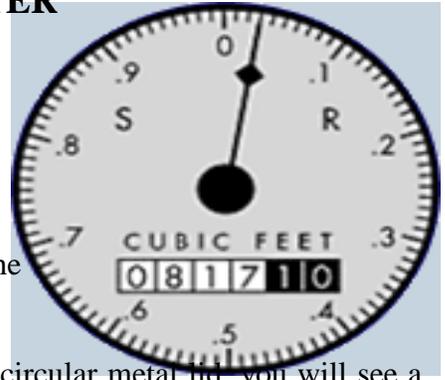


READING YOUR WATER METER



Knowing How Can Help You:

- Measure the amount of water your family uses
- Understand your water bill

The Borrego Water District installs most water meters at the edge of the road in the right-of-way near the property line. A concrete or plastic box with a lid protects the meter from traffic. Another circular metal lid covers the reading lens on the meter itself. If you prop open the circular metal lid, you will see a registering device like the one shown here. Most of our meters read straight across like the odometer on a car. When the reading reaches the highest digits (999999), it just starts over at zero. The District bills you monthly for incremental volume registered since the last meter reading in 100 cubic feet units (100 cubic feet = 748 gallons). Since the District charges by 100 cubic feet, the first two digits to the right are ignored (the ones and tens units).

How To Use Your Water Meter To Check Your Usage:

- Turn off all faucets in and around the house and stop all water-using appliances.
- If you are not sure that you have the right meter, call the District office at 760-767-5806 for the serial number to match against the one stamped on the circular metal lid.
- Check and note the meter reading
- Wait 15 minutes
- Read your meter again. If the reading has changed, you have a leak somewhere in the system. Call a plumber for repair immediately.
- ONLY District Personnel are authorized to turn meters ON and OFF.

How Fast Does Your Soil Drink Water?

SANDY SOIL, because of its high porosity, absorbs water at a rate of more than 2 inches per hour. Water literally flows right through sandy soils and very little is held for plant use.

Be A Leak Detector!

Most leaks result from worn washers in household faucets and shower heads. If your faucet is leaking at a rate of one drop per second, you can expect to lose 7.5 gallons per day. If it continues for a year, 2,700 gallons will go down the drain. Check your toilet for a silent leak. To test, drop a little food coloring in the tank. DO NOT FLUSH. Wait 10 minutes. If the food coloring appears in the toilet bowl, your toilet has a silent leak.

A leak from a hole this size at 60 psi would Waste in one month:		
Diameter of stream In inches	100 cubic ft. water	
●	1/4"	527
●	1/8"	131
●	1/16"	32
●	1/32"	8

Absentee Owners:

Let the District know who is caring for your property and how to reach them. Have them check the premises at least twice weekly; inspect faucets and plumbing for leaks. Have a responsible person inspect automatic water systems periodically; malfunctioning timing devices of the flow setting set too high can cause high water loss.