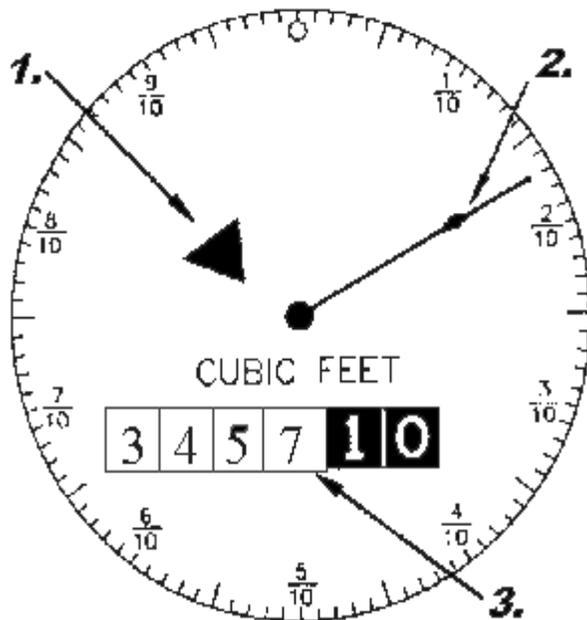


How to Read Your Water Meter

The meter dial pictured below is typical of most residential meters. The dial on the meter serving your home may look somewhat different, but they all work on the same principles. There are several reasons why you would 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 tell how much water you and your family used. The second reason is to check for leaks. If you turn off all the taps in your house, look at your meter and it is still turning, chances are you have a leak somewhere. Here are some hints to help you find and read your water meter.

1. Flow Indicator

This *flow indicator* triangle rotates whenever water flows through the meter. If the triangle turns when all the water is off on your property, you may have a leak, which should be investigated.



2. Register Sweep Hand

Each full revolution of the *register sweep hand* indicates that one cubic foot of water has passed through the meter. The markings at the outer edge of the dial indicate tenths and hundredths of one cubic foot.

One cubic foot (cf)= 7.48 gallons
100 cubic feet (hcf)= 748 gallons.

3. The Register

The *water meter register* is a lot like the mileage odometer on your car. The numbers keep a running total of all the water that has passed through the meter. The register shown here indicates that 345,710 cubic feet of water has passed through this meter.

All customers of the Holliston Water Department have their water use measured by a meter. This results in customers paying their share of operating the system based upon the amount of water used.