



How To Watch Your Water Use

You can monitor your water consumption by reading your water meter. You can usually find your meter close to the front boundary of your property near the street. The actual meter is attached to piping, it is often round and may have a cover.

Reading Your Meter

You will find a series of numbers on your meter, often 6, 7 or 8 numbers:

- 1 The **BLACK** numbers on white background record the kilolitres (kL) used
- 2 The **RED** numbers on white background record the litres used

For example: **0123** **456** kl

0	1	2	3
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4	5	6
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When your meter is read, only the whole kilolitres are recorded. The example above would read 123 kilolitres. The difference between the current reading and the previous reading is the amount of water consumption you will pay for.

How Much Water am I Using per Week? - Two Readings, One Week Apart

The easiest way to check your water consumption is to calculate a week's water usage.

Read your water meter and record the date

First Sunday morning 10am: Reading **0123 456**

Now wait a week

Second Sunday morning 10am: Reading **0123 956**

Weekly Water Consumption: **500 litres**

Average Daily Consumption: $500/7 = 71.3$ litres per day



Do we Have A Leak? - An Overnight Test

This is an easy way to test whether you may have a leak. Record a meter reading just before everyone leaves the house or goes to bed. Assuming no-one uses water during the night then read the meter as soon as the first person gets up in the morning.

If there is a difference in the 2 readings you may have a leak in your water pipes. Often leaks are below ground so the only way to check if you have a leak is to do the above test yourself or ring a plumber.

If your water meter keeps 'ticking over' when no one is using water you most likely have an underground leak that a plumber can fix.

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