

Water Meter Information



Water Meter and Radio Head



Read Head

The small red star dial is used to detect a leak. If a leak is suspected turn off all valves in the house. If the dial is still moving, even slowly, there is a leak in the home.

Leak Detection Saves Money and Water

Looking for ways to save on water?



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*"Save water, it will
save you in return"*

Sewer FAQ's

What if I have a sewer backup?

Monday through Thursday. 7AM-5PM, call City Hall at 231-734-2181. For afterhours emergencies only call 231-250-2071.

What is the City's vs. Property Owner's responsibilities if a backup occurs?

The City maintains the sewer main line. The property owner is responsible for the lateral line to where it connects to the main.

Can I hook to the City Sewer?

Yes, provided that the property abuts an existing gravity sewer line.

What is the cost?

A new sewer tap in cost is \$1,500. This is for residential or commercial.

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What is an average bill?

There is no average bill. Every household differs in their water consumption.

What are the current residential rates?

The current water rate is \$3.50/1,000 gallons used, with a \$6.50.00 ready to serve fee. The current sewer rate is \$6.80/1,000 gallons used, with a ready to serve fee of \$14.00.

WATER WASTE AT 40 POUNDS PRESSURE

- 1/32" leak wastes 170 gallons in 24 hours
- 1/16" leak wastes 970 gallons in 24 hours
- 1/8" leak wastes 3600 gallons in 24 hours

How to Check for Leaks

- Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when water is not being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, you probably have a leak.

- One way to find out if you have a toilet leak is to place a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color shows up in the bowl within 15 minutes without flushing, you have a leak. Make sure to flush immediately after this experiment to avoid staining the tank.

- Check your garden hose for leaks at its connection to the spigot. If it leaks while you run your hose, replace the nylon or rubber hose washer and ensure a tight connection to the spigot using pipe tape and a wrench.

- Check water softener for a sticky valve. A water softener valve stuck open can allow water to continuously run through.

- Most leaky showerheads can be fixed by ensuring a tight connection using pipe tape and a wrench. If you are replacing a showerhead, look for one that has earned the WaterSense label.

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