HOW TO READ YOUR WATER METER

There are several reasons you may want to locate and read your water meter. You may want to determine how much water your household or irrigation system uses in a day or you may want to check for leaks. To do this, turn off all sources of water inside and outside your house such as the `washing machine, dishwasher, sprinkler, etc.

Locating Your Meter Box

In most cases your water meter is located near the front easement of your property on one of the side property lines. The meter will be housed in a black plastic box at ground level. Occasionally the meter will be housed in a concrete box. Open the lid of the meter box by inserting a tool, such as a large screwdriver, into the hole and lift the lid open. Visually examine the area around and inside the meter box to make sure there are no harmful insects or other animals.

Reading your Water Meter

When looking at the meter, locate the white numbers on the black background on the right side of the meter dial. The number on the right measures each 10 gallons, the next number measures each 100 gallons.   The third number from the right is a black on white background number. It measures each 1,000 gallons. GPIWA bills for water usage in increments of 1,000 gallons, always rounding down to the nearest thousand. Example – your meter reads 1,970. You will be billed only be billed for 1,000 gallons. The remaining 970 gallons will be carried over to the next meter reading.

Determining Your Water Usage

Use the following example to help read your water meter:

- Select a day to take an initial water meter reading.

- Write down the numbers you see on the meter dial. (example 0261000)

- After a period of time has passed (such as a day or week), read your meter again. (example 0264000)

- Subtract your first reading from the second reading. This is your water usage for that period of time. (example 0264000 minus 0261000=3000)

- The 3000 figure indicates that 3000 gallons of water have been used during the time period between the two readings.

Meter Number
Listed on outside cover

Flow Indicator
Used when measuring flow through meter.

Leak Indicator
If no water is being used inside or outside, this indicator should not be moving. If it is rotating, you may have a leak.

Meter Dial

Place Holder
Indicated by [0]

Meter Register
Every turn of a number in the first black register measures 10 gallons; the second, 100 gallons

Every turn of a number in the white register measures 1000 gallons