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## HOW TO READ YOUR METER

Your water meter is an important tool for understanding and monitoring your water use. This handout will guide you through the process of reading your meter and teach you how to use your meter to detect potential water loss.

Typically meters are located at the front of the property near the street.



Once you have located your meter these are the things that are going to look for:

- 1. The black numbers on white dials reflect the number of billing units that have passed through the meter. 1 unit = 748 gallons therefore every time this number increases 748 gallons of water has gone through your meter. This is where the number comes from your "current read" on your monthly utility bill.
- 2. The white numbers on black dials represent the number of times the red sweep hand has made a complete revolution. 1 revolution of the sweep hand = 1 cubic foot = 7.48 gallons therefore the sweep hand will go around 100 times before it affects your utility bill.
- 3. The red sweep hand tracks water usage in cubic feet. Each revolution equals 1 cubic foot or 7.48 gallons of water.
- 4. The blue star is the leak detector. The leak detector will turn anytime water is flowing through the meter. If the leak detector is turning and you are certain that no water is being used then it is likely you have a leak

Please feel free to contact La Habra Heights County Water District with any questions @ (562)697-6769