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In order to check the meter reading and/or determine if something in the house is running/leaking, please locate the water meter (usually located in your basement next to the main shut off valve) and follow the below instructions. We will ask for this information if you call in to the office for more information. Before collecting this information, make sure no one in your household is using water (example: running faucet, taking shower, running dishwasher or washing machine etc.).



1. Locate meter and remove cap (if meter has one).



2. Shine a bright flashlight onto the face of the meter, focusing the light on the small circle in between the two screens as shown in the picture. This will cause numbers to pop up within a few seconds. If no numbers show, your flashlight may not be bright enough.



3. Write down the first set of numbers that come up. This is your reading. Most residential houses have a standard 5/8" meter. In this case, you only need to write down the first four numbers from left to right. In the above example, your reading would be 0000. Compare this number to the reading number on your current and previous bills.

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4. Then check your rate of flow. If your rate of flow is ANYTHING besides 0.00, then something in your house is running. It is most often a silent toilet leak. To test for this, put food coloring in the toilet tank and do not flush for approximately 90 minutes. If any of the coloring moves to the toilet bowl, then you have a leak. You may also hear the toilet running periodically, which is indicative of an intermittent leak.