

Water Spouts

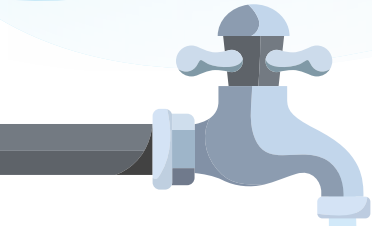
SACRAMENTO COUNTY WATER AGENCY

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

CUBS #3652

Great job SCWA customers!

You did a great job of conserving water during the drought! In doing so, you contributed to maintaining the health of our groundwater aquifers during a period in which SCWA was largely dependent on groundwater. Since the beginning of the drought in 2014 our customers have reduced consumption by approximately 24% when compared to pre-drought consumption levels. Thank you and please continue to use water efficiently and consistent with SCWA Water Use Restrictions updated regularly on our website (www.scwa.net).



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SCWA Rebates

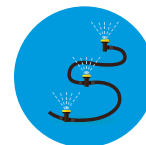
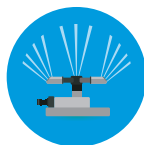
SCWA has several rebates to help our customers use water efficiently. Visit our website (www.scwa.net) for current rebate programs.



Water Wise House Call

This is an excellent time to make your home and yard as water efficient as possible. Schedule your free Water Wise House Call to assess the performance of your irrigation system and check your indoor plumbing.

Water Wise Consulting, Inc. is a consultant that we hired to provide Water Wise House and Business Calls to assist us in identifying simple ways for our customers to save water and money on water bills. They come to your home/business and check indoor plumbing fixtures, your irrigation system, provide training on programming your irrigation timer, and inspect for water leaks and offer water saving tips specific to your property. This service is FREE to all Sacramento County Water Agency customers. Call 866-685-2322 to schedule an appointment.



Water with the weather!

It's time to let Mother Nature do her job by providing the water for your plants and landscaping needs during the rainy seasons of fall and winter. Water efficiency in cooler, wetter weather is easy; just follow these simple tips.

- ◆ **Turn off your sprinklers and irrigation system OR install a rain sensor to automatically shut off your irrigation system when it's raining.** If there is an extended dry period during the rainy season, change your irrigation schedule to apply the minimum amount of water needed — many plants are dormant and others need little water during the cooler months.
- ◆ **If you're not sure if your soil needs water, use the Screwdriver Test by pushing an 8" screwdriver into your soil.** If the screwdriver penetrates the soil to a depth of 3" or more with moderate effort, your soil does not need water at this time. Re-check weekly during wet season dry periods.

Water Meter Tips

Your Water Meter

Understanding your water meter can help you save water. Knowing where to find your meter, being able to read it, and deciding if there is a leak can save you money.

Low Flow Indicator



Checking for leaks

Water leaks are indicated by water passing through your meter when all water fixtures and water-using appliances have been turned off.

By viewing your meter's register you can often tell if you have a leak. Dial registers usually have a low flow indicator that spins when even small flows are present through your meter, as shown at right.

If either of the above types of low flow indicators rotates with everything shut off, you likely have a leak somewhere.

If your register is digital, leaks are indicated by the digits on the far right side of the readout continuing to count with everything shut off.

If you have a leak, it should be investigated further. Common sources of leaks include plumbing fixtures such as toilets and faucets. You may wish to hire a professional or schedule a Water Wise House Call (see below) to help locate any "mystery leaks." Water leaks beyond the water meter are the responsibility of the owner to make repairs as soon as possible.

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How to locate your water meter

Water meters are usually located in your front yard, near the curb or sidewalk. You'll find it inside a rectangular box in the ground near your property line. It's your responsibility to maintain full access by keeping your water meter box clear of landscaping and other obstructions. This will help with reading, maintenance, and repair work conducted by the Water Agency's personnel.

You can read your meter to calculate your water use or check for potential leaks by following the following instructions:



Low Flow Indicator (triangle)

How to read your water meter

Water meters are precision instruments built to accurately measure both large and small amounts of water for many years. Although yours may look a little different, the picture at the top of the page depicts a dial register which is typical for most residential water meters.

SCWA's new dial registers are read in cubic feet (CF) but are billed in increments of 100 CF units. Some of our older dial registers, however, are read and in 100 CF units. Always read your meter from left to right for CF.

1. To calculate gallons used, multiply the number of CF by 7.48. This will tell you how many gallons you've consumed: 1 CF = 7.48 gallons of water. Older meters made to read in 100 CF units must be multiplied by 748 to calculate the gallons used.
2. Record the number and check your meter again in 30 days. Subtract the first reading from the second to determine your water consumption for the past month.
3. The picture below depicts our newest digital registers for 1-inch to 1.5 inch meters. These digital registers read in CF but are billed in 100 CF.

Observe far right digit to identify leaks

