

A Quick Guide to Monitoring Your Water Consumption

Since we are being asked to conserve water and reduce our consumption, it makes sense to know how much water we are using each day. Here's an easy way to get started monitoring your water consumption by starting with reading your meter.

Reading Your Water Meter

1. **Locate the meter** in the concrete box, which is generally in front of your home. If you need help locating your meter, contact **Golden State Water** Customer Service at 800.999.4033.



2. **Lift the lid** and you should see a meter like the one above on the right.
3. Record the Reading

Read and record the numbers on the meter, ignoring the numbers in black

For example, on the meter above, the number would be 206 meaning that since the meter was installed, or in this case the meter rolled over, 206 CCFs have been used.

The blue and white button in the middle of the gauge is the flow indicator. When it is spinning, water is flowing through the meter. More on that later.

4. **Record the Reading again one week later**

Read and record the number on the meter again

5. **Subtract the first reading from the second reading.**

This gives you the number of CCF of water you used during that week. Multiple that number by 748 gallons and you know how many gallons you used. Divide that number by 7 and you will have your **average daily consumption**.

How Much Water Do You Consume?

Interior

1. Choose a time when you perform your regular household duties such as laundry.
2. Shut off all irrigation and/or do not hand water outside for the time you are tracking. Remember not to fill your pool.
3. Record the date, time and water meter reading (Reading 1).
4. 24 hours later record the date, time and water meter reading (Reading 2).
5. Subtract Reading 1 from Reading 2. This gives you your interior water usage.

Exterior (Obtain your interior water usage before proceeding.)

1. Make sure that the irrigation will run its entire cycle during the tracking period.
2. Write down the date, time and reading of your water meter (Reading 3).
3. After 24 hours, write down the date, time and reading of the meter (Reading 4).
4. Subtract Reading 3 from Reading 4. This will give you your total water usage in the 24-hr. period.
5. Subtract your interior water usage from the total water usage. This number is your exterior usage.

Keep in mind that the results may not be exact but a good indicator of water use.

Use the worksheet on the next page to record your results.

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Interior Readings

	Reading #1	Reading #2	Total Interior Usage
Date:			Reading #2:
Time:			Reading #1:
Reading:			Total CCF Used:

Exterior Water Readings

	Reading #3	Reading #4	Total Water Usage
Date:			Reading #4:
Time:			Reading #3:
Reading:			Total CCF Used:

Total Water Usage (CCF): _____

Minus Interior Usage (CCF): _____

Total Exterior Usage (CCF): _____