Metering fact sheet

Reading your meter

A water meter is any device for measuring or estimating the volume or flow of water that is approved under the Rights in Water and Irrigation (Approved Meters) Order 2003.

Water meters are the most accurate measurement of water use. The data collected can also assist water users in modifying their water-use practices.

Licensees that have had meters installed for some time have made improvements in water use efficiency as they are now able to monitor their water use and irrigation practices to ensure they remain within their licensed entitlements.

Licensees who are required to install a meter as a licence condition may also be required to periodically record their meter readings and provide the information to the Department of Water hence the importance of having to read a water meter.

Steps for reading your meter

- At the same time each month, take a reading of the black numbers only.

- To find out how much water has been used in a month, subtract the previous month’s reading from the current reading.

- To find out how much of the allocation you have used, subtract the current reading from the amount you have been allocated.

*Meter water use cards can be downloaded off the internet at [www.water.wa.gov.au/gnangara/metering](http://www.water.wa.gov.au/gnangara/metering) under the How to read your meter section. You can also contact the metering team and we can arrange to have one sent to you.*

Examples of water meters used

- **Meinecke meter**
  - Meter Reading 33 878 kL

- **Bermad Turbobar**
  - Meter reading 129 197 kL

- **Bermad Turbobar X10 meter**
  - Meter Reading 295 020 kL
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This meter is property of the State Government and plays an important role in managing WA’s groundwater. It is an offence to tamper with this meter or any of the associated pipework. Approval must be obtained from the Department of Water before work is commenced on this meter or pipework.

In an emergency, or for more information, call the Department of Water on – 1800 623 983.

An example of the stickers that will appear on your pipe-work or nearby the installed meter.

A water meter needs to be installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s specifications to ensure that it records accurate water usage.

Here there are no off-takes before the meter and there is the required amount of pipe before and after the meter.

The Department of Water’s Guidelines for water meter installations provides more information on meter installation.

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