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Anytime you are going to water your grass with an irrigation system, hose or any other form. Please take time to get a read on your meter before you start and after you finish. Most of the time you will not realize how much water will be dispensed by these methods.

Your water meter is usually located either to the left of right of your driveway, near the street. It is a concrete box. If you lift the lid you will see a blue cap. Lift the cap and you should be able to read the numbers on the meter. If it has rained or you have been watering, these boxes will fill with water because they are below ground level.

Before watering get a start read and when you are finish watering get an end read. Then you can figure cost by subtracting your start read from your end read (this is for residential users):

Example:	End Read	189520
	(-) Start Read	176240
Total usage		13,280 Gallons used

Water Rates are:

20.00 From 0 – 2,000 Gallons  
3.25 For every thousand after first

13,280	20.00 for your first two thousand	20.00
	3.25 x 12	39.00
	.32 x 2	.64
	.03 x 8	.24
Total Water Bill for water usage would be		59.88

This example is just an example to figure the cost of water usage; this is not an example of a cost of a normal bill. **Water usage is determined by you the customer. There is no way for us to know why a customer has a low or high water bill. Only the customer can control the amount of water used at their home and know what it was used for.** If watering grass daily in the summer time with an irrigation system or hoses, water bills can run anywhere from 20.00 to 500.00 (or higher) depending on the amount of time spent watering and the number of days during the month the watering was done.

If you will get your start and end read, and figure your cost for that one time, then you can better determine how many days and for how long you want to leave the water going. (The 20.00 is just a onetime charge each month, so if you wanted to figure the cost for another day, you would use the same example except leave off the first 20.00)

If a meter goes bad, it will gradually stop reading. That means the numbers will quit turning. The meter will not speed up. So, if you show a high usage, this means the water went from the meter towards your home somewhere. Either it was used or you may have a leak.

To determine if you have a leak on your personal lines (your personal lines go from the meter to your home and then anything within your home). Make sure nothing is running in your home or yard. Go down to the meter, remove top and cap. If your numbers or the little triangle (on the left hand side of the face of meter) is turning, then you have water going somewhere. You will need to call a plumber or start at meter and go towards home looking for a leak. Sometimes you can tell by grass being a little greener in area where the water line could be leaking. Also, other things to check in the home are: hot water heaters and commodes.

If you need help figuring cost, please feel free to call use at the number above.