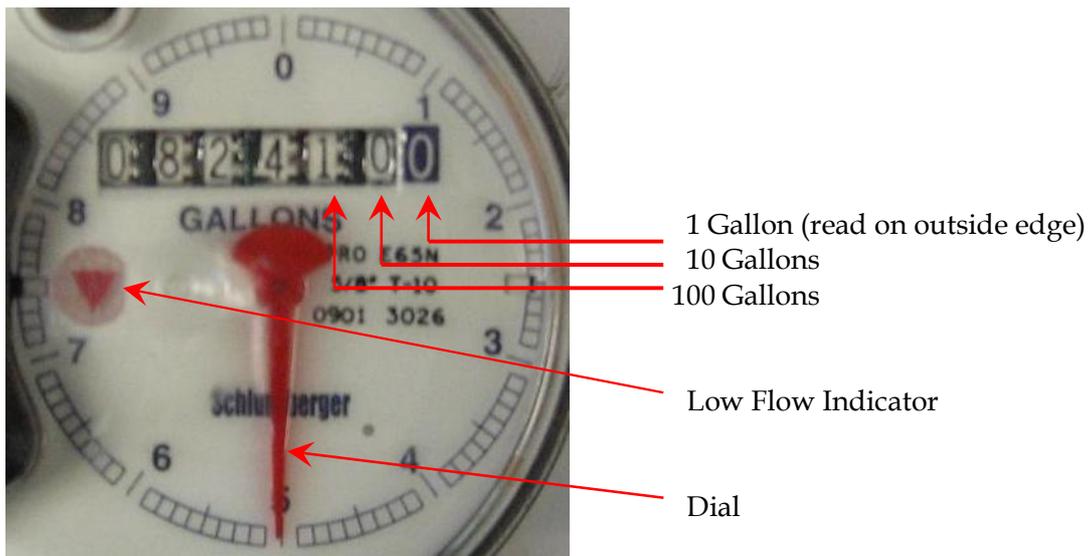


How To Read Your Water Meter

The Lincoln Water Department encourages you to monitor your water use by regularly reading your water meter. Your meter is typically located in the basement on the side of the house closest to the street but could be in a utility closet or outside in a meter pit.

The register located on the meter face records the number of gallons that have passed through the meter. The red Dial sweeps around the meter face and for every full revolution registers 10 gallons. Single gallons and fractions of gallons can be determined by the position of the Dial along the exterior increments. The small triangle on the left side is the Low Flow Indicator and will spin when any amount of water is flowing through the meter. It is a good indicator to watch to determine if you have a leak in your house. If the triangle is moving when you have all the water turned off, then you likely have a leak on the property. In the example below, the meter reading is **824,105** gallons.



You should record your meter reading at regular intervals (weekly or monthly), especially if you have an automated sprinkler system. Subtract the new meter reading from the previous reading to calculate your water consumption for the interval of days between readings. The MaDEP regulations state, averaged over a one year period, individuals should use no more than 65 gallons per day.

Any questions, please feel free to contact the Water Department at 781-259-8997.