



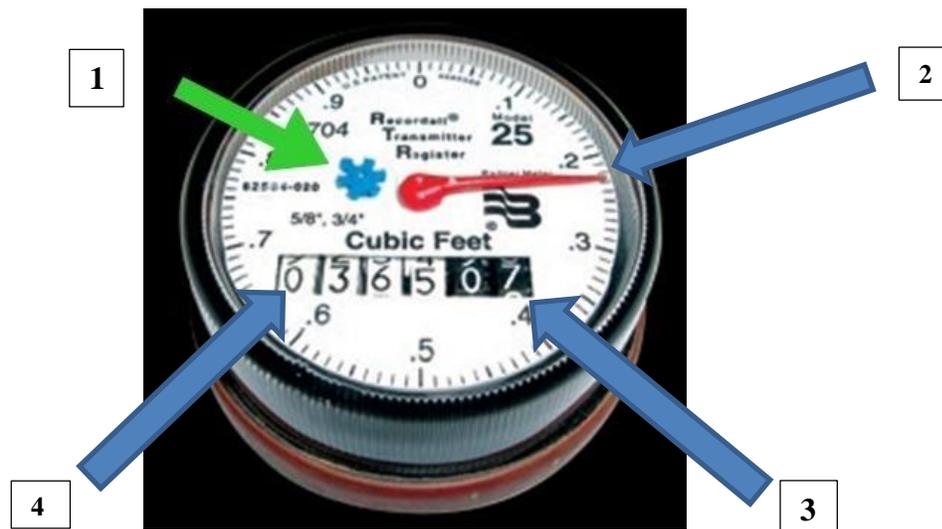
# CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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## How to Read Your Water Meter

The water meter is an important tool for understanding and monitoring the water use at your property. This handout is designed to guide you through the process of reading the water meter and teach you how to use the water meter to detect potential water loss. By reading your water meter frequently you can detect water loss very easily. We recommend that customers read the meters at their properties once a week.

Typically meters are located at the front of the property near the street. The meters are encased in either green plastic or concrete boxes. You may need a tool to lift the lid of the meter box. Customers who are unable to find the water meter at their property may contact our office to request assistance locating the water meter.



**Once you have located the water meter, you want to verify that there is no water use inside & outside the home. Then we suggest you look for the following:**

1. The green arrow indicates a blue snowflake called a "water flow monitor". The snowflake will turn any time that water is flowing through the water meter. If the leak detector is turning and you are certain that no water is being used, then it is very likely that you have a water leak.
2. The red sweep hand tracks water usage in cubic feet. Each revolution = 1 cubic foot or 7.48 gallons of water.
3. The white numbers on black represent the number of times the red sweep hand has made a complete revolution. Each revolution of the sweep hand = 1 cubic foot = 7.48 gallons of water. Therefore the sweep hand will go around 100 times before it affects your utility bill.
4. The black numbers on white reflect the number of billing units that have passed through the meter. 1 unit = 748 gallons this means that every time this number increases 748 gallons of water has gone through the meter. This number represents the "current read" on your bi-monthly utility bill.