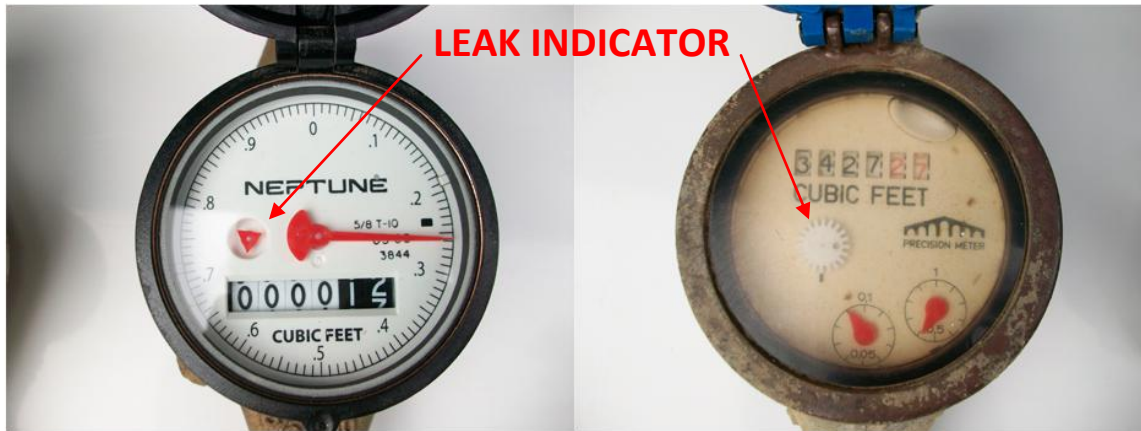


# How to Check a Water Meter for Leaks



It is good practice to know where your water meter is, have it accessible, and routinely check the leak indicator for leaks. Your meter is only read once every two months which leaves plenty of time for even a small leak to go unnoticed for several weeks.

- The first step in checking for leaks is to make sure all faucets, inside and outside your house, and all water using appliances are off.
- Look at the leak indicator on your water meter. The leak indicator is very sensitive and can detect small leaks. If there are no leaks downstream of your water meter then the leak indicator should be completely still. If the leak indicator is spinning, even very slowly, it indicates water is being used or leaking.
- The next step, if the leak indicator is spinning, is to close the valve that shuts off all water inside the house. Look at the leak indicator on the water meter again and if it has stopped spinning then you know the leak is located downstream of the valve just closed. If the leak indicator continues spinning after the valve is closed, then you know the leak is between that valve and your water meter.
- If there is a leak between your whole house shut-off valve and your water meter, look for soggy/damp areas or grass that is greener or taller than surrounding areas along the route the pipe travels from the meter to your house. Those damp or greener areas might help you narrow down the location of a leak.
- If the leak is after the whole house shut-off valve start testing toilets and or closing shut-off valves at each faucet/appliance.