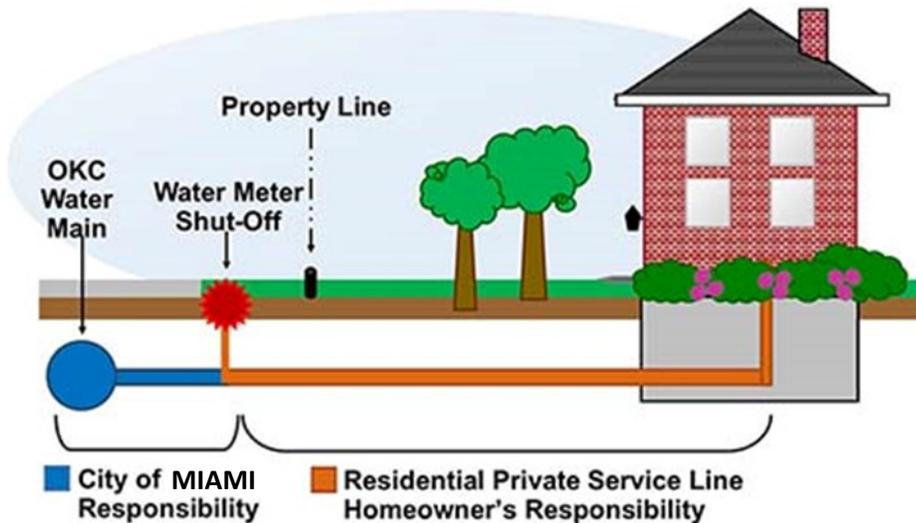


## ABOUT YOUR WATER METER

Water meters measure how much water enters your home from the City's water distribution system. Meters play an essential role in regulating the flow and recording water use. Water meters are typically located near the street and connect the residential private service lines with the City's water distribution main lines located in the public easement.



The meters measure the amount of flow that is pulled into a customer's private service line when they turn on the tap. The discs turn, pushing water around a chamber at a specific flow rate. This helps to measure the amount of water that is used.

The City reads the meters once per month, and charges customers for their water based on each 1,000 gallons used.

### What do the dials mean?

The long hand measures water consumption and shows larger water flows.

The "flower"-shaped hand shows smaller water flows. If the long hand is moving at all (and you have made sure no water is being used in or out of the house for things like toilets, ice makers, dishwashers, washing machines and sprinklers), you probably have a large leak. If the triangular hand is moving at all, there may be a small flow water leak.

See the graphic to the right that shows the different parts of your meter.

### What am I billed for?

Find the 7 digits on the meter, which together look like a car odometer (see above). The first digits on the white background measure water consumption by 1,000 gallons. This is what is read each month for billing.

The meter reading is rounded down to the closest 1,000

gallons each month. The black background digits on the right side show the 1-gallon, 10-gallon and 100-gallon amounts and carry over to the following month's reading for billing. These turn over when they reach the 999 mark, just like a car.

