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How to Read Your MWA Water Meter

The Macon Water Authority Meter readings are taken in measures of hundreds of cubic feet. Pictured below is a standard 5/8-inch meter. The red arrow sweep hand shows tenths of cubic feet, according to the numbers around the outside of the dial. The red triangle is a leak indicator. When this moves or spins, even slightly, it indicates water is moving through the meter. It may be difficult to see the red arrow move when the triangle does. The size of the meter is indicated in the area directly opposite of the leak indicator triangle, to the right side of the meter face between the outer measures for .2 cubic feet and .3 cubic feet.

The MWA reads meters from left to right, with the last and most important part of this reading on the dial being what appears to be similar to a car's odometer. On 5/8-inch to 1-inch meters (the standard sizes for residential water meters at MWA), customers will see six total dials – four white dials with black numbers on the left side and two black dials with white numbers on the right. The four dials on the left are the numbers read that are in turn reflected on the customer bill. The two black dials on the right with the white numbers are the 10's position and 1's position for cubic feet. The first black dial on the right when it flips is 7.48 gallons. The first white dial on the right when it flips is 748 gallons. If the picture below was an actual meter reading, according to what this looked like on the day the meter reader read this customer's meter, the bill would show or reflect a reading of 25 cubic feet.

