

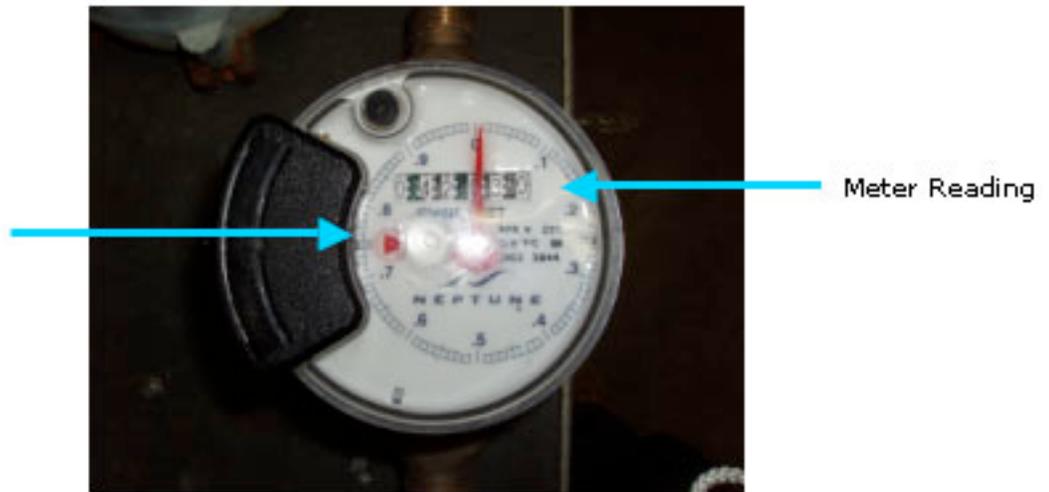
## How to Read your Water Meter

There are several reasons why you'd want to be able to locate and read your water meter. First, you might be interested in just how much water you use in a day. By reading your meter at the beginning and the end of the day you can compare the two totals to tell how much water you and your family used. The second reason is to check for leaks. If you turn off all the taps in your house, look at your meter, and if the low flow indicator is still turning, chances are you have a leak somewhere. Here are some hints to help read your water meter.

Water meters in the U.S. typically measure volume in gallons or cubic feet. One cubic foot=7.48 gallons and 100 cubic feet=748 gallons. Water charges are typically based on 100 cubic feet or on 1000 gallon units.

Your water meter is equipped with a **"low flow indicator"**, see red triangle on meter. This indicator will rotate **any time** water is being used (i.e. faucets, toilets, dishwashers, etc)

**If every fixture in the house is turned off, this indicator should be stopped. If indicator is rotating, water is being consumed.**



In the meter shown above, the reading is taken from the figures shown over the words CUBIC FEET. The meter reads 0420.30 which is the total number of cubic feet of water recorded since the meter was installed. Since the Water Department bills in units of 100 cubic feet, they would read this meter as simply 420.