

Checking Your Water Meter for Leaks



If you suspect a leak, monitoring your home's water meter will give you a definitive answer. The meter is often located beneath a manhole-type cover near the street, beside your driveway entrance, or inside your fence-line.

Follow these steps to monitor the meter:

1. Turn off all water faucets in your home and make sure the washing machine and dishwasher are not running.
2. Check the water meter and make a note of the numbers you see. Come back in an hour and check again. If the numbers have changed, there's a leak somewhere. Also, most of the District's meters also have a triangle in or near the middle of the face of the meter. If this triangle is turning or moving after all the water has been turned off, you have a leak.