

How We Calculate Your Water Bill

Every customer of the Brunswick and Topsham Water District is provided service through a water meter provided by the District. As water is used, the water meter records the amount of water that passes through it from the District water mains into the building where it is used.

Approximately once every 3 months, an employee of the Water District visits the location of the water meter and records the amount of the water that has passed through the meter. (Most buildings have an external touch pad that allows the reading of the meter without actually entering the building.)

Water meters usually record water in hundreds cubic feet (HCF). One cubic foot equals approximately 7 ½ gallons, so 1 HCF equals approximately 750 gallons. A rule of thumb is that a household can estimate about 6 HCF of water per person per quarter. Most residential households have a 5/8 inch meter.

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Your water bill consists of two separate charges. The first is a quarterly charge based upon the size of your meter. The second charge is for the amount of water (measured in HCF) that has passed through the meter since the last time the meter was read.