



# How to Detect a Water Leak

- **Check meter for running water**

**Sensus Meters:** Look for red dial spinning– indicating water flowing through meter

**Badger Meters:** Numbers on the right hand side will be moving– indicating water flowing through meter

- **Verify leak with a timed meter test**

**Step 1:** Locate meter and write down all numbers showing

**Step 2:** Don't use water for 30-60 minutes

*(Including swimming pools, ice-cube maker, landscape irrigation, etc.)*

**Step 3:** Verify the numbers on the meter are the same

*\*\*If the numbers are different, water ran through the meter during that time and you likely have a leak.*

- **Isolating leak**

**Step 1:** Locate the shut off valve at the home and turn it off.

**Step 2:** Look at meter. If water is still flowing through the meter, the leak is located in the pipes between the meter and the shut off valve to the home.

*\*\*If the meter is not moving the leak is beyond that shut off valve.*

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