
OLDE STAGE WATER DISTRICT

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Keep your water meter accessible

Olde Stage Water District meters are read quarterly to determine water usage for billing and detection of leaks in the water distribution system. Two meter readers work their way through the district, house to house, and read meters in your yard or on your house. About ninety households have a water meter located in their yard about three feet below grade in a meter pit. The meter pit has a round cast iron lid and is covered by a meter lid with a plastic touch pad that is wired to the meter below. For about five homeowners with a meter in their house, a touch pad is located on the home's exterior and is connected to the water meter. Our meter readers press a meter wand to the touch pad to read meters without taking off the lid and without entering your house.

What is my responsibility? It is important that your water meter is easily accessible to our meter readers. It is the responsibility of the property owner to keep the meter lid clear of any obstructions. The meter lid should be clear of dirt, gravel, and overgrown sod. If there are shrubs, trees or tall grass nearby, make sure there is a path to your meter. Please relocate objects such as cars, trailers, garbage cans or wood piles that may block access to the meter.

Where is my meter? Your meter pit is located on your property between the road and your house, usually about twenty feet from the water main in the road. When the meters were installed in 1997, the location of each meter lid was identified with a three-foot yellow stake. Many stakes are still in place. If you cannot find your meter lid, we are available to locate it for you. Contact Bill Skarstad at 303-442-1034 for help.

When are the meters read? Meters are read quarterly on weekends before or after March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31. About a week before these dates, please take a few minutes and check out the area around your meter.

What if my meter cannot be located or easily accessed? If the meter readers are unable to find your meter, then you will be notified of the problem and will receive an estimated bill. If you have not cleared the meter in time for the next quarterly reading, a minimum of \$25.00 will be charged for the meter readers to clear the obstructions. District wide problems such as heavy snowfall will not be considered an obstruction for individual homeowners to address. Please visit our website at oldestagewater.com to find out if we will be reading meters for the current quarter.

The Olde Stage Water District is overseen by a volunteer board drawn from residents who donate their efforts as a public service to you, our neighbors. We appreciate you doing your part to keep our operation running smoothly.