

TODD CREEK VILLAGE

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT



Proud to be your area water provider

Get to Know Your Non-potable Water Meter

Spring has arrived and sprinkler systems will soon be turned back on after a long winter's nap. Whether you hired a professional to winterize your system, went the DIY route, or forgot entirely, your system should be thoroughly checked to ensure it is in good working order to avoid unexpectedly large bills. Learning all about your meter will help in checking your water system.

Your non-potable/irrigation meter is located outside your home, likely in a locked meter pit. TCVMD customers who have the correct tool are allowed to access their meter pit to check the meter reading at any time. This tool, also called a "meter key", is a 5-sided wrench available online and through local supply stores. We purchase our meter keys from Core & Main in Henderson, CO, and they have offered TCVMD customers a small discount. Please give us a call (303-637-0344) or use the contact form on our website (ToddCreekVillage.org) if you would like the local ordering information and/or an Amazon link to the correct product.

Most meters in the TCVMD service area read down to the hundredth of a gallon. This makes them very useful in determining if your system is turning on and off as expected. Use the table below to understand the three different scenarios:

TURNING ON YOUR SYSTEM

- ◆ Stop-and-Waste Valve is OPEN
- ◆ Your Irrigation System is OFF
- ◆ Meter should NOT be changing numbers
- ◆ Verify after 5 minutes, if your meter indicates water usage, your irrigation system has a leak

MONITORING YOUR SYSTEM

- ◆ Stop-and-Waste Valve is OPEN
- ◆ Your Irrigation System is ON
- ◆ Meter numbers SHOULD be changing (going up)
- ◆ Take a beginning meter read and another read 24 hours later. This will show you how many gallons of water your current settings use in 24 hours. ***Note: if you have a weather sensor on your system, this will change your usage.***

TURNING OFF YOUR SYSTEM

- ◆ Stop-and-Waste Valve is CLOSED
- ◆ Your Irrigation System is OFF
- ◆ Meter should NOT be changing numbers
- ◆ Verify after 5 minutes, if your meter indicates water usage, the stop-and-waste valve is not fully closed, try again until meter numbers stop changing

As always, we are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Transparency Notice: Board meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm via Zoom. The public is always welcome and encouraged to attend.



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