

## How to Read Your Water Meter

Your water meter is generally located in the ground under a cement cover in front of the house or building, near the curb. There are two types of meters: straight-reading and round-reading. All of the meters used by the City of Pittsburgh are straight read.

### Straight-Reading Meter

Read straight-reading meters, such as the one shown at right, as follows:

- Read the numbers shown.
- This example reads 008171, which is the total number of cubic feet of water recorded since the meter was installed.
- Disregard the last two numbers on the right, because our charge is based on units of 100 cubic feet. Therefore the total number of units is 81.
- If you used 1200 cubic feet of water over the next billing period, the next meter reading would be 008171 plus 1200, equaling 009371 cubic feet, or in this case 93 units.
- Your bill would be based on the difference between the two readings, or 12 units at 748 gallons per unit (8,976 gallons).
- An easy conversion for daily use is to multiply the number of units used per month by 25. Therefore if you used 30 units during the month, your average use would be 750 gallons per day.

