

Focus on: Kittitas Metering & Pilot Program



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Introduction

This document is intended to provide information to new homeowners or homebuilders that are required by [Chapter 173-539A WAC](#) and [Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6091](#) to meter their water use in Kittitas County.

Who is required to meter?

Washington Administrative Code 173-539A-070 and Kittitas County Code Chapter 13.40 require measuring and reporting of all groundwater withdrawals:

- Within upper Kittitas County that began after July 16, 2009, including permit-exempt uses.
- For all new domestic uses in lower Kittitas County that began after December 2, 2015.

If you own a pre-existing water right certificate, permit, or claim, and you have applied for any changes, your new document will require you to meter as well (see the “Provisions” section of the water right).

Metering pilot and funding for meters

The Legislature selected Kittitas County as one of two pilot areas for determining the costs and feasibility for metering domestic groundwater uses. As part of these pilot projects, the Legislature provided funding to pay for meters.

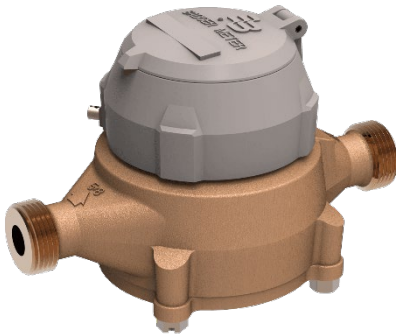


Figure 1. Badger Recordall Disc Series Meter and High Resolution Encoder



Figure 2. Badger High Resolution 8-dial Encoder



Figure 3. Badger Meter, Encoder, and Orion LTE Endpoint

If you are building a new home using a well within Kittitas County, your water meter is free and Kittitas County will reimburse you for the cost of installing the meter, up to \$750, provided that:

- You obtain the specified meter from Kittitas County Public Health Department, and
- Your installation date is between January 19, 2018 and December 31, 2027.

Although meters are purchased with funds provided by Ecology, the meter becomes the sole property of the homeowner, who is required to maintain the meter in good operating order. The battery should last the 10 year period of the pilot program. If the battery or meter fails to perform as intended, the homeowner should contact Kittitas County for warranty repair or replacement.

Access to meter data

The Department of Ecology will obtain aggregate data to assess the program and report to the Legislature as required.

Kittitas County will use metering data to ensure compliance with water budget neutral authorizations and permitted water rights.

Homeowners also have online access to their water use data, as well as information about conservation and leak detection. To set up your online access go to <https://eyeonwater.com>. Select *Create Account* and follow the steps to create and verify your account.

