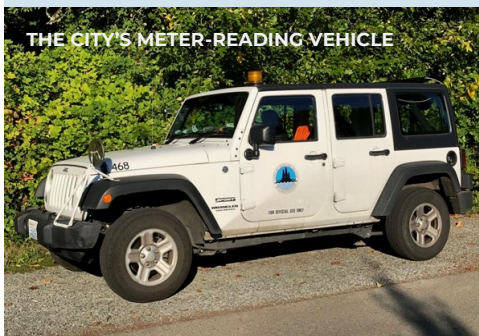


Did you know?

You are responsible for maintaining access to your water meter, so that it can be read by City staff.

If your landscaping is covering up the meter, the City may have to remove or trim vegetation to restore clear access.

Placing any structure or planting in City-owned Right-of-Way (ROW) requires first obtaining a City permit.



Learn More

www.mercerisland.gov/WaterMeter
Understanding water meters

www.mercerisland.gov/WaterTips
Water conservation tips

www.mercerisland.gov/UtilityBill
Understanding your water bill

www.mercerisland.gov/UtilityDiscount
Low-income assistance program

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Keeping Clear Access to Your Water Meter

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Do you know where your meter is?

The City of Mercer Island Water team maintains, tests, and repairs over 7,500 water meters, and employees read an average of 400 meters/day. Keeping things running smoothly can be difficult when meters are blocked by vegetation, or obstructed by fences, walls, rockeries, landscaping, or parked vehicles.

Plants and trees not only make access more difficult, they can also damage the water meter boxes or even the pipes themselves.

THE CITY HAS RULES ABOUT WATER METER ACCESS TO HELP MAINTAIN EFFICIENCY.

You can reference this brochure for the basics.

Please note: if property owners have overgrown or blocked meters, the City will notify you by letter about the problem. In the event the situation is not resolved in a timely manner, we may clear access to the meter, or have to estimate the reading on your meter. Please contact the City's utility billing team with any questions: 206-275-7783.

The City appreciates your help!

WHAT TO AVOID:



WHAT TO DO:

Utility Access Requirements:

Homeowners are required to clear a two-foot area around all sides of the meter box, and maintain a six-foot clearance above it. There must also be a clear, two-foot wide pathway from the road to the meter box. Ground covers must be trimmed to 2" around the box.

