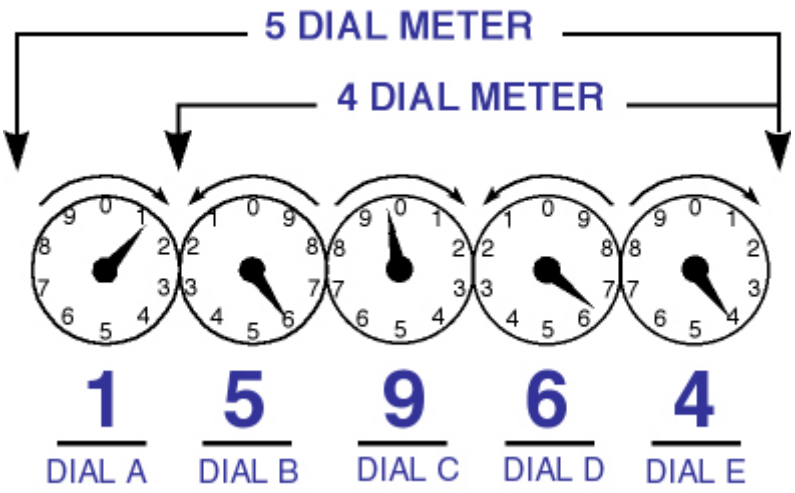
How to Read your Electric Meter

We've tried to take some of the mystery out of reading your electric meter with this explanation. If you still have questions, please call us at **906.228.0302**

The dials are like watch faces in a row (every other dial moves counterclockwise).
Notice that when the pointer is between two numbers, record the **lower** of the two numbers.

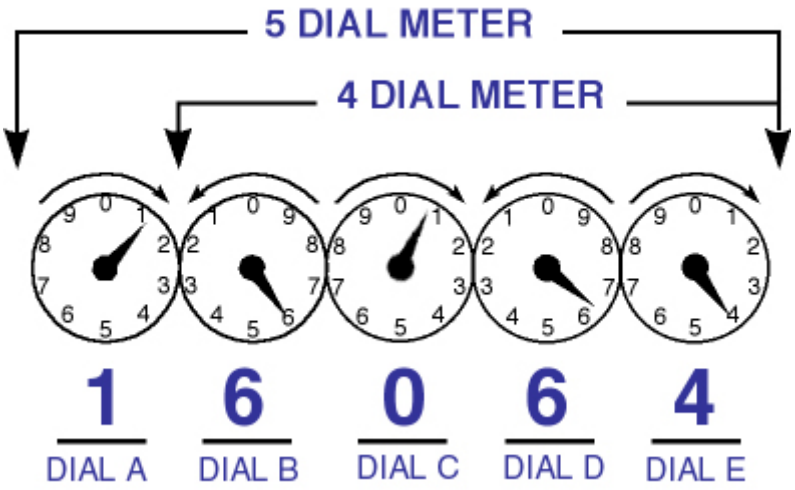
Example 1:



When the pointer seems to be directly on a number (dial B in both examples seem to point to "6"), look at the dial to the right (dial C). If that pointer has not yet passed"0", (dial C in example 1), record the lower number, or "5" on dial B.

But if the pointer on the dial to the right **has** passed "0" (dial C in example 2), record the number the pointer is on, or "6" on dial B.

Example 2:



Helpful Tips

- If the pointer is between two numbers, always choose the smaller number.
- If a pointer looks like it's exactly on a number, always look to the dial immediately to the right. If the pointer on the right dial is between 0 and 1, record the larger number on the left dial. If the pointer on the right dial is between 9 and 0, record the smaller number on the left dial.
- *Remember*, the dials rotate in opposite directions.

Calculate Your Energy Use
Read your meter at the beginning and at the end of a specific period of time. Subtract the first reading from the second reading to calculate the number of kWh used. Divide the kWh used by the number of days between readings to calculate the kWh per day.

Meter Tampering
Tampering with a electric meter to make it show less consumption, or bypassing the meter entirely, is illegal and dangerous. When someone uses electricity without paying for it, others pay more. Call 906.228.0302 if you know of anyone tampering with a electric meter.