

Manage Your Energy

Read Your Meter

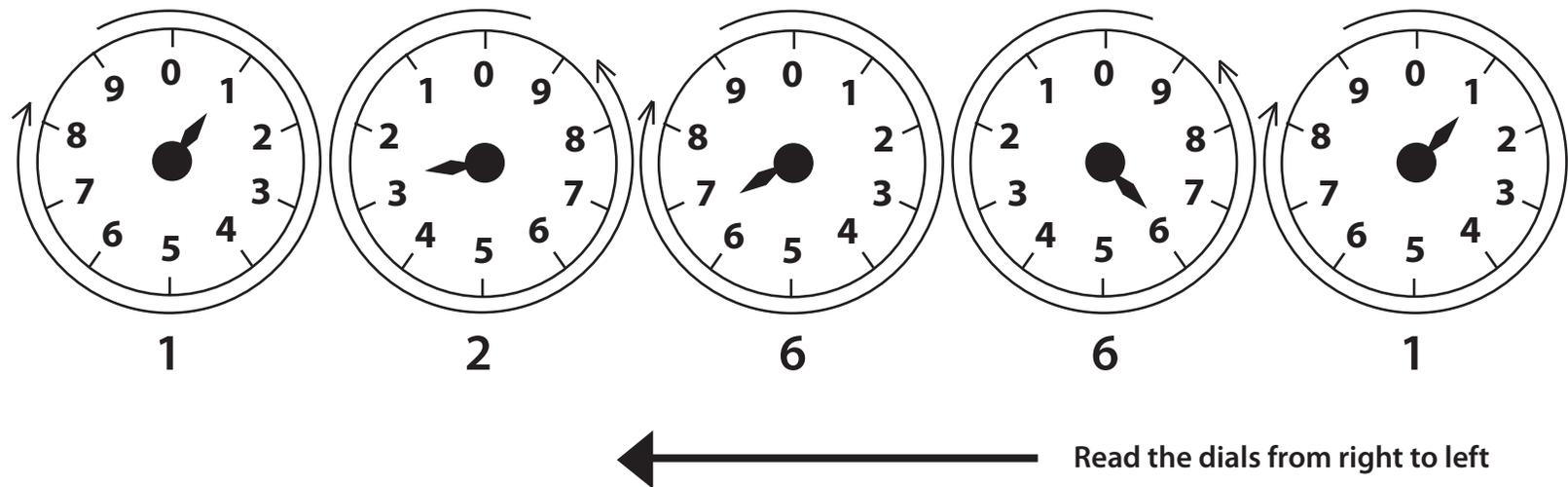
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Keeping an accurate record of your electric consumption can help you manage your energy use in your home. To do this, read your meter weekly (or monthly) and write down the numbers. Follow the steps below.

Electric meters measure the amount of electricity used in kilowatt hours (kWh). A typical electric meter is digital or has four or five dials. With the digital meter you read it as you see it and then go to step 5.

If it is an analog meter (dial meter) follow these steps in reading the meter:

1. Each dial is numbered from 0 to 9 and notice some dials move clockwise and some move counterclockwise.
2. Read the dials from right to left and record the numbers in the same order.
3. Usually the pointer on a dial will be between two numbers. Always record the lower of the two numbers.
4. Sometimes the pointer seems to point exactly to a number. When this happens you need to look at the dial to the right to determine whether to record the number. To find out if the hand has really reached the number the pointer indicates, look to the dial to the right. If the hand on the dial to the right has passed zero, then you should record the number; otherwise, record the lower number.



5. To determine the amount of energy you have used for a day, a week or a billing period subtract your first or previous reading from your current reading. Unless you read the meter on the same day and about the same time as the meter reader does, your reads will not match the readings on your bill.
6. After you determine your energy use for that period we recommend dividing it by the number of days to get your daily average, kWh/day. This allows you to compare your consumption of one period to the consumption of another period.
7. A table is provided on the other side of this sheet to record your readings and calculate your energy usage. You can also set up a spreadsheet on your computer to do the calculation.

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