

## Public Service Announcement - It's time to get a water meter

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The City is rolling out a targeted water meter program this spring to convert remaining flat rate residential accounts to meters. More than four in five Calgary residences already have water meters, with approximately 50,000 flat rate accounts remaining. Under the Water Utility Bylaw, all homes in Calgary will have water meters by the end of 2014.

"If you don't have a water meter, it's now time to make the switch. We will be contacting remaining flat rate account holders to schedule the installation of their meter," says Paul Fesko, Manager Strategic Services, Water Services.

The metering program is occurring on a community-by-community basis, beginning with Coventry Hills, McKenzie Lake, McKenzie Towne and Cranston. If your home is one of the remaining flat rate accounts in these communities, you will receive a phone call or letter from The City and CMI Services in the coming weeks. CMI Services, which has partnered with The City to install meters, will schedule an appointment and provide information about the installation process and tips for managing water bills. Those living in Harvest Hills, Country Hills, Panorama Hills, Chaparral, Douglasdale and Douglas Glen should expect to be contacted by CMI later this spring.

Water is a precious natural resource. Calgary's supply is limited and our growing population places increasing demands on the Bow and Elbow rivers. In 2005, City Council adopted the goal of reducing water consumption by 30 per cent over 30 years with the intention of better managing our water resource.

"Water meters are a key to achieving our goals of reducing water consumption. They are an effective tool for reducing water consumption because they allow customers to monitor, manage and pay for the actual amount of water they use. You don't have to wait until we are in your community. Give 3-1-1 a call to arrange a free meter installation," says Paul Fesko.

For more information about meter installation appointments, how to use your meter to manage your water bill and other water-wise tips, visit [Calgary.ca/watermeters](http://Calgary.ca/watermeters) or call 3-1-1.