

Cole County

Public Water Supply District #4

In December 2013, the Water District's Board of Directors voted to purchase new water meters with remote reading capabilities. These water meters will be phased-in across the District over the next five years providing greater water use accuracy, data logging capabilities as well as a decrease in meter reading time.

Once a new water meter has been installed at your water service location. The noticeable difference between the old and new water meter is that the new meter will have a small round dome antenna projecting slightly above the top of the meter pit's lid. Furthermore, there is an electrical wire leading from the antenna under the lid to the water meter with a digital display that reads to the one hundredth of a gallon. If a leak or water usage is present, the meter reading will advance according to the amount of usage.

With this newer and more accurate technology, the Water District asks that you use caution around your water meter pit so as not to damage the equipment. Items that could cause damage to a meter pit's lid include: mowing grass, plowing snow, open burning around the pit or opening the meter pit's lid and pulling the antenna wire loose. If you hire yard mowing, snow plowing or plumbing services, you will also want to advise your contractors of your new water meter. **The Water District may hold customers responsible for damage to the water metering equipment.** Also, the District would like to remind you that the shut off valve in the meter pit is for Water District's use only. If the shut off valve is broken or damaged, the customer could be charged for damages.

If you have questions regarding this new water meter, please call the office or, if you desire, a Water District employee can meet with you to address your concerns.