Every home or business on the Village Municipal Water System must have an operational water meter installed. If you feel that your meter is not operating properly, contact the Water Department Superintendent, Jim Hurlbert, at 518-686-0200 for an on-site inspection.

Water Conservation Tips

Did you know?
- A running faucet uses about a gallon of water per minute
- If a faucet drips at a rate of one drop per second, you can waste 2,700 gallons per year.
- Toilets with leaky float valves can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day
- Even a pinhole leak, such as in a washing machine hose, can waste up to 170 gallons a day

Tips:
- Check for leaks in a toilet by adding a few drops of food coloring to the tank. Coloring will appear in the toilet bowl if it is leaking.
- When replacing an old toilet, purchase a water-efficient model.
- Don't let the water run in a bathroom sink when brushing teeth or shaving.
- Run the washing machine only when it is fully loaded. Check the hoses for cracks that could result in leaks.
- Turn faucets off firmly. Check and replace any worn-out fixtures, washers, O-rings, and hose connections.
- Run the dishwasher only when it is fully loaded.
- Garbage disposals require lots of water to operate properly, avoid using them when possible.
- With pools and spas, repair any leaks. An inch a day loss in a pool can be over 600 gallons. Get a pool cover to reduce loss of water by evaporation.
- Always use a hose with a shut-off nozzle installed, and shut off hoses when not in use. This is one of the biggest sources of wasted water.
- Read your water meter before and after a 2-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter doesn't read exactly the same, you have a leak.

Percentage of total daily water use:

Toilets:	27.7%
Clothes Washer:	20.9%
Showers & Baths:	19.4%
Faucets:	15.3%
Dish Washers:	2.9%
Leaks:	13.8%

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