

Water meters

Water is a precious commodity, worth saving in itself. All homes at Derwenthorpe have water meters, which can help you keep your water bills down.

Your water meter is outside, probably near a front path, in the pavement or the road. It will have the YW water sign on it.



It can be useful to locate your water meter, if only so you can check your water consumption and compare it with your bill from Yorkshire Water.

To read the meter, open the lid and if necessary, remove the white insulation block. The photo below shows the water meter from above. It also shows the grey handle which can be used to turn off the water going into your house. This would be most likely to be used for major repairs or if your internal stop cock didn't work.



This is a close up of a water meter



You may need a torch in order to see the number on the meter.

If you ever need to turn off the water supply in your house in an emergency, the stop cock can be found under the sink in the kitchen.



It's advisable to occasionally apply a few drops of oil at the base of the tap to ensure it is easy to turn.

It's possible to run up a large water bill as a result of faulty appliances or plumbing problems for example, a few residents have found that their toilet cistern were operating 24/7 which can result in a larger water bill. For more details see the section on Toilets.