

WATER METER TESTING

The accuracy of a water meter is a matter of dollars and cents to both the customer and the water utility. Over-registration charges the customer for water not consumed; under-registration cheats the utility of its due income.

Under Public Service Commission (PSC) 185.76 (1) rules, water meters must be tested according to the following schedule:

<u>Meter Size (inches)</u>	<u>Test Interval (years)</u>
$\frac{5}{8}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, 1	10
1 $\frac{1}{2}$, 2	4
3, 4	2
6 and over	1

As you can see in the above schedule, the smaller ($\frac{5}{8}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, and 1) household meters must be tested every 10 years. The Chippewa Falls Water Utility has adopted a more stringent policy of testing these meters every 8 years. If you receive a phone call, a letter, or if a tag is left on your door requesting to test your meter, please make an appointment to do so promptly. The utility will change the meter inside your house (normally in the basement) with one that has passed an accuracy test. This process takes only about 15 minutes and helps to ensure the accuracy of your meter.

The Utility appreciates your cooperation in this process.