**Reading your electricity meter!**

**The Digital Meter**

![Digital Meter Image]

The reading for the meter shown is 94694.

- The numbers are always read from left to right
- You DO NOT include the red number (or in some cases the sixth white number) in the sequence
- You always need to provide five numbers, if the reading begins with 0 then that is the first number in the sequence i.e. 04694
- When taking a meter reading remember to note down the meter serial number, the time and date.

**Note**
The R1 reading is also known as the day reading, peak reading or the normal reading. The R2 reading is also known as the night reading, off peak reading or the low reading.

The next time you take a reading, in order to workout the consumption used, you take the previous reading from the new reading: the figure you are left with is the number of units used.

**Note**
When the total number of units used reaches 99,999 the meter will ‘flip’ and will start again from 0.

**The Dial Meter**

![Dial Meter Image]

The reading for the meter shown is 94694.
To read this meter you have to look at the position of the pointers on the dial.

- The dials are always read left to right (start with the one marked 10,000)
- You DO NOT include the red dial
- You always need to provide five numbers; if the reading on the first dial is 0 then that is the first number in the sequence i.e. 04694
- The numbers are read in relation to the direction the arrow is pointing i.e. clockwise or anti-clockwise
- If the pointer rests between two numbers, then write down the lowest number
- If the pointer rests directly on a number then write it down
- However, if the next dial (after a direct number reading) shows a reading that is between 0 and 9, you need to reduce the previous reading by 1, as the meter has not actually reached that number. Unless the following dial resets itself i.e. reaches 0, then the direct number reading is not an accurate read
- When taking a meter reading write down the meter serial number, the time and date

**The Electronic Meter**

The reading for the meter shown is 069272.

- To read this meter you press the button on the front until you reach a reading in kWh
- The numbers are always read from left to right
- You include ALL the numbers in the sequence exactly as displayed on the meter (this could mean that you have more than 5 numbers)
- When taking a meter reading write down the meter serial number, the time and date

**Note**

Unlike the digital and dial meters, this meter will not reset or ‘flip’ when it reaches 99,999