How to Compare Consumption

You can easily compare the electric or water consumption that appears on your utility bill with the data in CustomerConnect.

First, you will need to know the dates your meters were read in addition to your electric or water consumption. This information is printed on each billing statement.

- The Prior Reading and Current Reading on your statement are indicated by the red arrows below. We subtract the Prior Reading from the Current Reading to get the consumption for the billing period.
- Some electric meters need a multiplier applied to determine the number of kilowatt hours used.
- Water meters measure the water that flows through them in cubic feet. So a multiplier must be applied to translate cubic feet into gallons as well. The multiplier is printed on the billing statement as well and is indicated by an orange arrow.
- The consumption is located in the column marked Usage and indicated by the yellow arrow.

Let's compare the electric consumption on this statement with the data in CustomerConnect. The dates we need are March 19 through April 21. The consumption we need is 141431 kilowatt hours, or kWh.





Meter Usage Chart

You must first select the meter you want by clicking on the small magnifying glass icon. All meters will appear and you can select the specific meter you need. You must select the Channel, in this case, KWH for kilowatt hours.

Next, you must select the dates which correspond with the billing statement. The Prior Reading and Current Reading from your billing statement become your **Start Date** and **End Date** on this report. Select the dates you need by clicking on the existing date in the box so that a calendar appears. You can move between months to find the date you need and then click on that date when you find it.



You can now see that your report is for the electric meter, to show kilowatt hours from March 19 through April 21.

Just below the graph, is the **Total Usage** of 141431.2 KWH or kilowatt hours which matches the billing statement. (While the billing system calculates everything based on the raw data, the numbers printed on the bill are typically rounded up or down.)

Please note: If your Total Usage is less than what is printed on your bill, back up your Start Date to the previous date and take another look. Your numbers should match at that point. It means the read was actually pulled late the night before.



You can also easily pull up a spreadsheet with every day's consumption by clicking on the small CSV button to the right of the graph. A box appears at the bottom asking if you want to Open, Save or Cancel the spreadsheet. Click the gray **Open** button.



An Excel spreadsheet appears with every date from your report and the corresponding usage (daily consumption) in the middle column. You can take a look at the exact consumption for each day or add up the consumption for the entire period using the **AutoSum** shortcut on the **Home** menu. Once again, your total should match the number of kilowatt hours for which you were billed.

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