Testing your water pressure

Why test your water pressure?

Sydney Water aims to ensure that the drinking water we supply to your property is a minimum of 15 metres head of pressure, at the point of connection to our system.

This equals a flow of 18 litres of water a minute at the garden tap.

If you believe you’re receiving less than this or you’ve noticed that your water pressure has changed recently, there are a few things you should do.

How can you test your water pressure?

Complete the following test to determine how many litres you are receiving through your service:

**Step 1:**

Make sure all taps and water using devices are turned off. Go to your water meter, lift the meter cover and write down the black and red numbers. See the following page to assist you for your meter type.

**Step 2:**

Fully turn on your front garden tap for one minute.

**Step 3:**

Take another meter reading and subtract the first reading from the last. This will tell you how much water you used within a minute.

**Step 4:**

If you receive 18 litres a minute or more from your front garden tap, you are receiving 15 metre head or more pressure.

If you don’t receive more than 18 litres a minute from your front garden tap, call us on 13 20 90. We’ll check if there are any issues or work in your area that could affect your water pressure. We will advise you if there is or we’ll investigate.
What meter do I have?

Elster brand meter

RMC brand meter

Itron brand meter