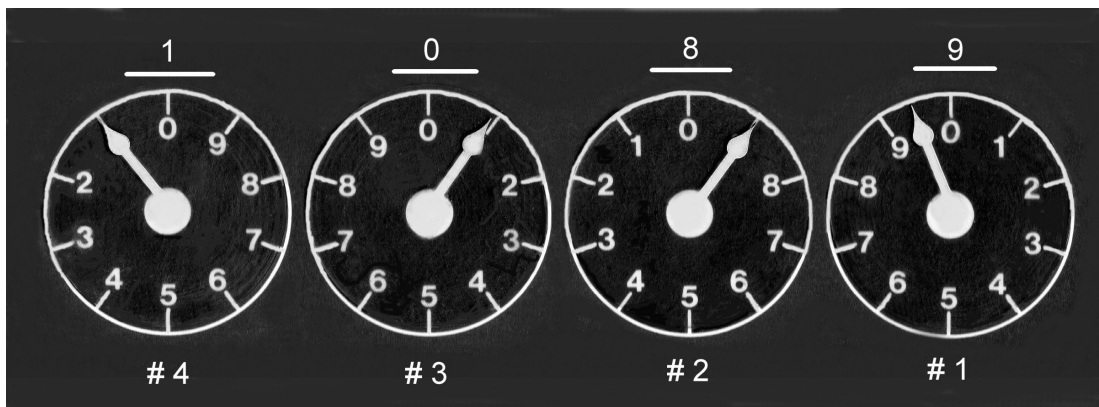


How to Read a Bluestem Electric Power Meter.....

Most Bluestem electric meters have cyclometer registers (meters with clock faces numbered 1 through 0) and should be read as follows:

1. Always read the meter from right to left. Read the farthest right-register first and record right to left.
2. Always read the smaller number when the hand is between two numbers.
3. Record the number one less than the hand indicates if the hand on the dial to the right has not passed 0.
4. Take a reading once a day at the same time for a few days, then subtract the previous days reading from the current reading to get a 24 hour kwh usage.
5. After doing this for a few days, average all usages to get a 24 hour average.

An example of how to read your electric meter:



Every other dial goes in a different direction! Dial # 1 travels in a clockwise rotation as dial # 2 travels in a counter-clockwise rotation. Dial # 3 clockwise and dial # 4 counter-clockwise.

In the example above: Dial # 1 is a 9. Dial # 2, because dial # 1 has not passed 0, is an 8. Since dial # 2 has not passed 0, dial # 3 is a 0. Dial # 4 is a 1, because dial # 3 has passed 0.

Most of Bluestem's cyclometer meters are automatically read by the cooperative and are called **AMR Meters**. The reading signal comes back to the cooperative via the power lines and this is how we figure your monthly bill.

If you have difficulty reading your meter when trying to figure your daily average of kwh usage. Contact your appropriate office and we will be glad to help you determine how to read your meter.