



## How to check water pressure at your home

If you have experienced problems and would like to measure your water pressure, you can purchase a pressure gauge at a hardware store for around \$10.



Measure at hose bibs in several areas, with and without water flowing inside the house. A drop of 5 pounds is generally acceptable, any more can be a sign of a problem. Some areas may have higher water pressure which can cause household appliances to not function properly. In those areas, pressure regulators are installed in compliance with local building codes. A pressure regulator provides protection to your house from unexpected water pressure surges that can occur due to construction or normal water system maintenance.



## Pressure regulators control water pressure at your home



Residents with greater than 80 psi are required by the standard plumbing code to install a pressure regulator prior to the water entering a house to protect indoor plumbing fixtures. Customers may adjust pressure regulators to their own preferred setting, but in no instance to a pressure higher than 80 psi. To increase the pressure loosen the locknut on the stem of the regulator clockwise a 1/8 of a turn. And counter clockwise a 1/8 of turn to decrease pressure. Please note that incorrectly adjusting the regulator could cause water pressure that is too low or too high. Only a very small turn is needed.