

Meters mandatory

Phase of city water meter installation program.

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Coun. Eddie Rice, chairman of Charlottetown's water and sewer utility committee, shows homeowner Jessie Inman how to read her new water meter. Gerry Edge, a plumber with Bevan Bros. Plumbing and Heating, is seen behind them preparing to install the new...

Charlottetown residents are still volunteering for water meters despite the launch of the mandatory residential water meter program.

The city's water and sewer utility requires a meter to be installed in every residence by 2019.

The installations are conducted by the city corporation with Bevan Bros. Plumbing and Oct. 1.

The official voluntary program, Take Control, ended last year but that hasn't slowed the requests from residents who want to volunteer to have a meter installed sooner than later. Residents are stepping forward to schedule earlier appointments and the city and Bevan Bros. plan to continue to accommodate those requests.

Jessie Inman and her husband, Allan Hart, volunteered for a meter installation this week. The homeowners said they believe in conserving water and felt it was important to take responsibility for the water they use in their home by being able to track and monitor their own usage.

The meter installation took less than an hour to complete. The average install takes about 45 minutes at no cost to the homeowner for the install or the meter.