

## 2021 Water & Wastewater/Stormwater Rates

City Council has approved a combined 4.28% increase to the water and wastewater/storm rates. The following rates based on metered water consumption are effective January 1, 2021:

VARIABLE CHARGES		RATE TABLE FOR FIXED DAILY CHARGES *		
		Meter Size	Water Rate	Wastewater/Storm Rate
Water Consumption Charge per cubic metre	\$ 1.70	15 mm	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.42
Wastewater/Storm Treatment Charge per cubic metre	\$ 1.82	16 mm	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.42
		20 mm	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.42
		21 mm	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.42
		25 mm	\$ 0.95	\$ 1.05
		38 mm	\$ 1.90	\$ 2.10
		50 mm	\$ 3.04	\$ 3.36
		75 mm	\$ 6.08	\$ 6.72
		100 mm	\$ 9.50	\$ 10.50
		150 mm	\$ 19.00	\$ 21.00
		200 mm	\$ 30.40	\$ 33.60
		250 mm	\$ 43.70	\$ 48.30
		300 mm	\$ 64.60	\$ 71.40

Above charges based on metered water usage.

\* Fixed charges are progressive based on the size of the property's service and corresponding meter. Your meter size is shown under the Meter Type column within the Your Usage *For This Period* section located at the bottom of your bill.

### How do we compare to other municipalities?

The following chart provides 2020 fixed charges restated on monthly basis for comparison purposes with other Ontario municipalities - note that Hamilton's variable rates are lower than the comparators below.



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Water and wastewater/stormwater rates are among the lowest in Ontario.



Meter Size (mm)	Fixed Monthly Water Charge Comparison (2020 Rates)								
	Hamilton	Guelph	Cambridge	West Lincoln	Barrie	Halton	London	Durham	Haldimand
15 & 16	\$11.25	\$7.80	\$10.27	\$13.16	\$13.72	\$15.86	\$16.20	\$19.11	\$20.24
20	\$11.25	\$7.80	\$10.27	\$13.16	\$13.72	\$15.86	\$24.59	\$19.11	\$20.24
25	\$28.29	\$10.50	\$25.04	\$32.90	\$34.31	\$51.35	\$40.49	\$38.84	\$20.24
38	\$56.27	\$27.30	\$50.00	\$65.79	\$68.63	\$84.33	\$80.99	\$82.68	\$114.38
50	\$90.03	\$59.70	\$80.01	\$105.27	\$109.80	\$184.45	\$129.59	\$178.56	\$248.60
75	\$180.07	\$126.30	\$175.10	\$210.54	\$240.19	\$328.80	\$283.43	\$313.89	\$437.47
100	\$281.35	\$217.80	\$300.91	\$328.97	\$411.77	\$562.24	\$485.91	\$624.15	\$870.09
150	\$562.71	\$408.30	\$629.25	\$657.92	\$857.85	\$1,428.68	\$1,133.80	\$1,160.01	\$1,618.51
200	\$900.33	\$711.30	\$821.46	\$1,052.68	\$1,098.04	\$2,295.25	\$1,943.63	\$1,977.56	\$2,764.52
250	\$1,294.23	\$1,174.20	\$1,190.09	N/A	\$1,578.45	\$2,867.57	\$2,429.67	\$3,218.06	N/A

The combined 4.28% rate increase will be used to support:

Investment in treatment plants, distribution / collection systems & stormwater management.

3.0%



Operating and maintenance costs to keep our drinking water safe.

1.28%

### Why do rates keep increasing?

The cost to distribute, collect and treat municipal water and wastewater throughout the City remains relatively constant, regardless of the volume actually consumed by all residents. The largest portion of your bill is used for capital renewal and expansion of the City's overall water/wastewater/storm infrastructure. Aging City infrastructure becomes more costly to operate, maintain and replace.

## WATER TIPS



#### Frozen Pipes

Avoid frozen pipes! Shut off and drain all outside taps and pipes in unheated garages. Install insulated pipe sleeves on exposed pipes in unheated areas in your home. For more information and tips please visit [www.hamilton.ca/frozenpipes](http://www.hamilton.ca/frozenpipes).



#### Vacation

Leaving on vacation? Make sure your home's water valve is turned off before you leave to prevent expensive water bills from flooded basements due to leaky pipes or water theft from your outside taps. For more information and tips please visit [www.hamilton.ca/leaks](http://www.hamilton.ca/leaks).



#### Exercise your valve

Do you know where to shut off your home's water supply? The water control valve is located where the water line enters the home, often in the basement and near the water meter. Turn this valve periodically to ensure it works.

## WATER FACTS



500ml of bottled water costs an average of **1.00 DOLLAR**



OR  
you could fill a 500ml bottle from the tap

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