

2022 Water & Wastewater/Stormwater Rates

City Council has approved a combined 4.98% increase to the water and wastewater/storm rates. The following rates based on metered water consumption are effective January 1, 2022:

VARIABLE CHARGES		RATE TABLE FOR FIXED DAILY CHARGES *		
		Meter Size	Water Rate	Wastewater/Storm Rate
Water Consumption Charge per cubic metre	\$ 1.77	15 mm	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.44
Wastewater/Storm Treatment Charge per cubic metre	\$ 1.89	16 mm	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.44
		20 mm	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.44
		21 mm	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.44
		25 mm	\$ 1.03	\$ 1.10
		38 mm	\$ 2.05	\$ 2.20
		50 mm	\$ 3.28	\$ 3.52
		75 mm	\$ 6.56	\$ 7.04
		100 mm	\$ 10.25	\$ 11.00
		150 mm	\$ 20.50	\$ 22.00
		200 mm	\$ 32.80	\$ 35.20
		250 mm	\$ 47.15	\$ 50.60
		300 mm	\$ 69.70	\$ 74.80

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 2021 fixed charges restated on monthly basis for comparison purposes with other Ontario municipalities - note that Hamilton's variable charges 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 (2021 Rates)								
	Hamilton	Guelph	Cambridge	West Lincoln	Barrie	Halton	London	Durham	Haldimand
15 & 16	\$11.56	\$7.80	\$10.27	\$13.85	\$13.72	\$16.27	\$16.61	\$19.19	\$20.38
20	\$11.56	\$7.80	\$10.27	\$13.82	\$13.72	\$16.27	\$24.90	\$19.19	\$20.38
25	\$28.90	\$10.50	\$25.04	\$34.54	\$34.31	\$52.68	\$41.50	\$39.00	\$20.38
38	\$57.79	\$27.30	\$49.99	\$69.08	\$68.63	\$86.50	\$83.01	\$83.01	\$115.14
50	\$92.47	\$59.70	\$80.01	\$110.53	\$109.80	\$189.20	\$132.83	\$179.27	\$250.25
75	\$184.93	\$126.30	\$175.10	\$221.06	\$240.19	\$337.26	\$290.52	\$315.15	\$440.39
100	\$288.96	\$217.80	\$300.91	\$345.42	\$411.77	\$576.69	\$498.06	\$626.65	\$875.89
150	\$577.92	\$408.30	\$629.25	\$690.82	\$857.85	\$1,465.35	\$1,162.15	\$1,164.65	\$1,629.30
200	\$924.67	\$711.30	\$821.46	\$1,105.31	\$1,098.04	\$2,354.14	\$1,992.22	\$1,985.47	\$2,782.96
250	\$1,329.21	\$1,174.20	\$1,190.09	N/A	\$1,578.45	\$2,941.16	\$2,490.41	\$3,230.93	N/A

For more information contact Alectra Utilities:
 905-522-9200 (Mon – Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm)
 or visit: <https://alectrautilities.com/HamiltonWaterRates>

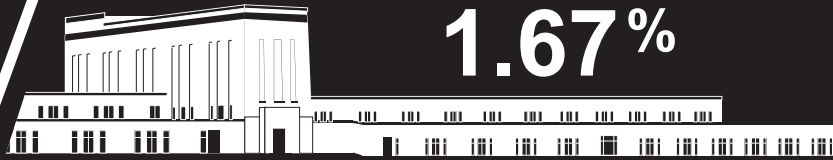
The combined 4.98% rate increase will be used to support:



Operating and maintenance costs to keep our drinking water safe.

2.85%

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



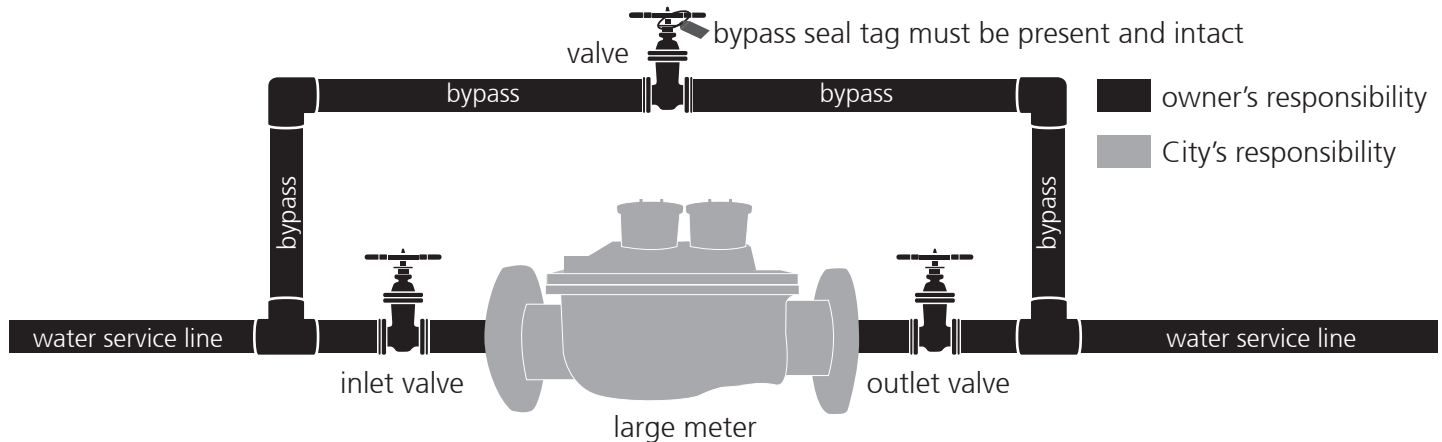
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Residential leak protection

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COMPONENTS OF A LARGE METER

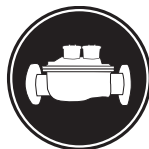


ONGOING MAINTENANCE

To avoid an interruption to your water service ongoing maintenance is extremely important.



Open & close your valves at least once a year to ensure they are in working order.



Maintain clear access to the water meter



Clear the chamber from any accumulated debris annually.

BACKFLOW PREVENTION PROGRAM

By-law No. 10-103 ensures that the City of Hamilton's drinking water quality and distribution system is protected from each industrial, commercial, institutional or multi-residential property four stories or higher. Under backflow conditions, contaminants from these properties could enter the drinking water system when a property is not sufficiently protected.

Self- Assessed Survey

Property owners of properties built before 2014 and with a water service line entering their property that is 38 mm (1.5 inches) in diameter or smaller need to complete a Self-Assessed Survey once every 5 years. This will determine the level of backflow risk associated with your property. There is no cost for completing this survey.

Cross Connection Survey

Property owners with a water service line entering their property that is 50mm or larger or properties deemed to pose a significant risk are required to complete Cross Connection Survey.

For more information on the Backflow Prevention Program, surveys, device installation process, fees and common backflow prevention devices, please visit www.hamilton.ca/backflowprevention.