

## 2023 Water & Wastewater/Stormwater Rates

City Council has approved a combined 6.49% increase to the water and wastewater/stormwater rates. The following rates based on metered water consumption are effective January 1, 2023:

VARIABLE CHARGES	RATE TABLE FOR FIXED DAILY CHARGES *		
	Meter Size	Water Rate	Wastewater/Stormwater Rate
Water Consumption Charge per cubic metre	15 mm	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.47
	16 mm	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.47
	20 mm	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.47
Wastewater/Stormwater Treatment Charge per cubic metre	21 mm	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.47
	25 mm	\$ 1.08	\$ 1.18
	38 mm	\$ 2.15	\$ 2.35
	50 mm	\$ 3.44	\$ 3.76
	75 mm	\$ 6.88	\$ 7.52
	100 mm	\$ 10.75	\$ 11.75
	150 mm	\$ 21.50	\$ 23.50
	200 mm	\$ 34.40	\$ 37.60
	250 mm	\$ 49.45	\$ 54.05
	300 mm	\$ 73.10	\$ 79.90

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 2022 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.



### HAMILTON'S

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



Meter Size (mm)	Fixed Monthly Water Charge Comparison (2022 Rates)								
	Hamilton	Guelph	Cambridge	West Lincoln	Barrie	Halton	London	Durham	Haldimand
15 & 16	\$12.47	\$7.80	\$10.35	\$14.51	\$14.44	\$16.73	\$17.03	\$19.29	\$22.35
20	\$12.47	\$7.80	\$10.35	\$14.51	\$14.44	\$16.73	\$25.52	\$19.29	\$22.35
25	\$31.33	\$10.50	\$25.87	\$36.27	\$36.10	\$54.17	\$42.54	\$39.20	\$22.35
38	\$62.35	\$27.30	\$51.74	\$72.54	\$72.21	\$88.95	\$85.09	\$83.43	\$126.28
50	\$99.77	\$59.70	\$82.79	\$116.06	\$115.54	\$194.55	\$136.15	\$180.17	\$274.46
75	\$199.53	\$126.30	\$181.10	\$232.12	\$252.73	\$346.81	\$297.78	\$316.73	\$482.99
100	\$311.77	\$217.80	\$310.46	\$362.69	\$433.28	\$593.02	\$510.51	\$629.78	\$960.62
150	\$623.54	\$408.30	\$646.79	\$725.36	\$902.65	\$1,506.83	\$1,191.20	\$1,170.47	\$1,786.91
200	\$997.67	\$711.30	\$827.89	\$1,160.58	\$1,155.38	\$2,420.79	\$2,042.03	\$1,995.40	\$3,052.17
250	\$1,434.15	\$1,174.20	\$1,190.09	N/A	\$1,660.89	\$3,024.42	\$2,552.67	\$3,247.08	N/A

For more information contact Alectra Utilities:  
 1-833 ALECTRA (1-833-253-2872) Mon – Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm  
 or visit: <https://alectrautilities.com/HamiltonWaterRates>

The combined 6.49% rate increase will be used to support:



Operating and maintenance costs to keep our drinking water safe.

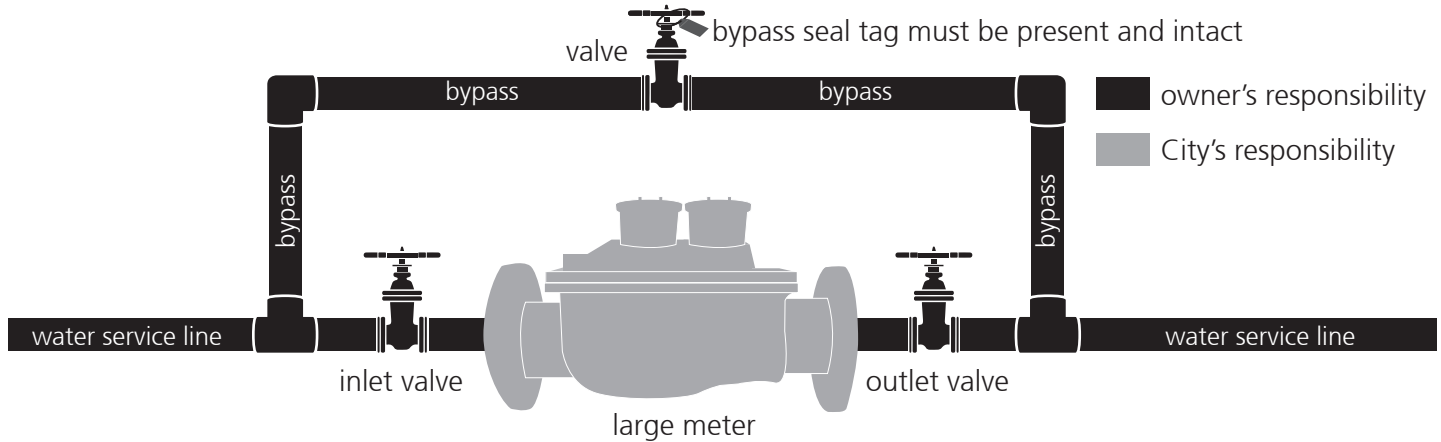
**4.54%**

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

**1.95%**



**COMPONENTS OF A LARGE METER**

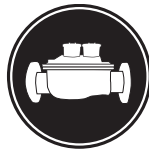


**ONGOING MAINTENANCE**

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](http://www.hamilton.ca/backflowprevention).

If you are experiencing a water or wastewater emergency  
call 905-546-CITY (2489)

