

2026 Water and Wastewater/Stormwater Rates

The City of Hamilton has adopted a combined 7.32% increase to the water and wastewater/stormwater rates.
 The following rates based on metered water consumption are effective January 1, 2026:

VARIABLE CHARGES		RATE TABLE FOR FIXED DAILY CHARGES *		
		Meter Size	Water Rate	Wastewater/Stormwater Rate
Water Consumption		15 mm	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.63
Charge per cubic metre	\$ 2.42	16 mm	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.63
Wastewater Collection/Treatment		20 mm	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.63
and Stormwater Management		21 mm	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.63
Charge per cubic metre	\$ 2.61	25 mm	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.58
Above charges based on metered water usage.		38 mm	\$ 2.80	\$ 3.15
* 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 <i>Your Usage For This Period</i> section located at the bottom of your bill.		50 mm	\$ 4.48	\$ 5.04
		75 mm	\$ 8.96	\$ 10.08
		100 mm	\$ 14.00	\$ 15.75
		150 mm	\$ 28.00	\$ 31.50
		200 mm	\$ 44.80	\$ 50.40
		250 mm	\$ 64.40	\$ 72.45
		300 mm	\$ 95.20	\$107.10

How do we compare to other municipalities?

The following chart provides 2025 fixed charges restated on a monthly basis, for comparison purposes, with other Ontario municipalities.

		HAMILTON'S WATER AND WASTEWATER/STORMWATER RATES compared to other municipalities in Ontario.								
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Meter Size (mm)	Fixed Monthly Water Charge Comparison (2025 Rates)									
	Hamilton	Guelph	Cambridge	West Lincoln	Barrie	Halton	London	Peel	Halldimand	
15 & 16	\$16.12	\$9.30	\$10.86	\$16.96	\$16.23	\$17.88	\$18.15	\$14.94	\$27.36	
20 & 21	\$16.12	\$9.30	\$10.86	\$16.96	\$16.23	\$17.88	\$27.21	\$14.94	\$27.36	
25	\$40.45	\$15.90	\$27.14	\$42.39	\$40.58	\$31.02	\$45.36	\$24.89	\$27.36	
38	\$80.60	\$30.60	\$54.29	\$84.77	\$81.17	\$55.03	\$90.73	\$49.79	\$154.57	
50	\$128.97	\$49.20	\$86.86	\$135.63	\$129.86	\$128.03	\$145.17	\$79.66	\$335.95	
75	\$257.93	\$108.90	\$190.01	\$271.26	\$284.07	\$233.61	\$317.53	\$149.36	\$591.19	
100	\$403.02	\$195.30	\$325.74	\$423.85	\$487.01	\$403.95	\$544.35	\$248.93	\$1,175.81	
150	\$806.04	\$402.60	\$678.62	\$847.69	\$1,014.58	\$1,036.45	\$1,270.16	\$497.86	\$2,187.20	
200	\$1,289.67	\$867.60	\$868.63	\$1,356.31	\$1,298.65	\$1,668.65	\$2,177.40	\$796.58	\$3,735.89	
250	\$1,853.90	\$1,299.00	\$1,248.65	N/A	\$1,866.83	\$2,087.69	\$2,721.90	\$1,145.09	N/A	

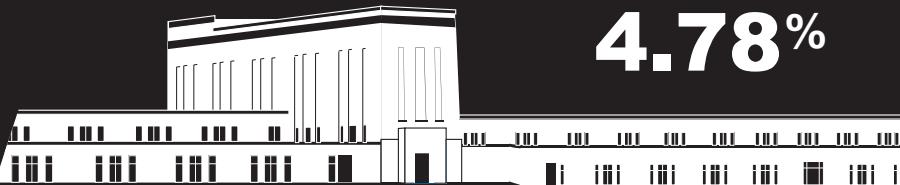
The combined **7.32%** rate increase will be used to support:



Operating and maintenance costs to keep our drinking water safe.

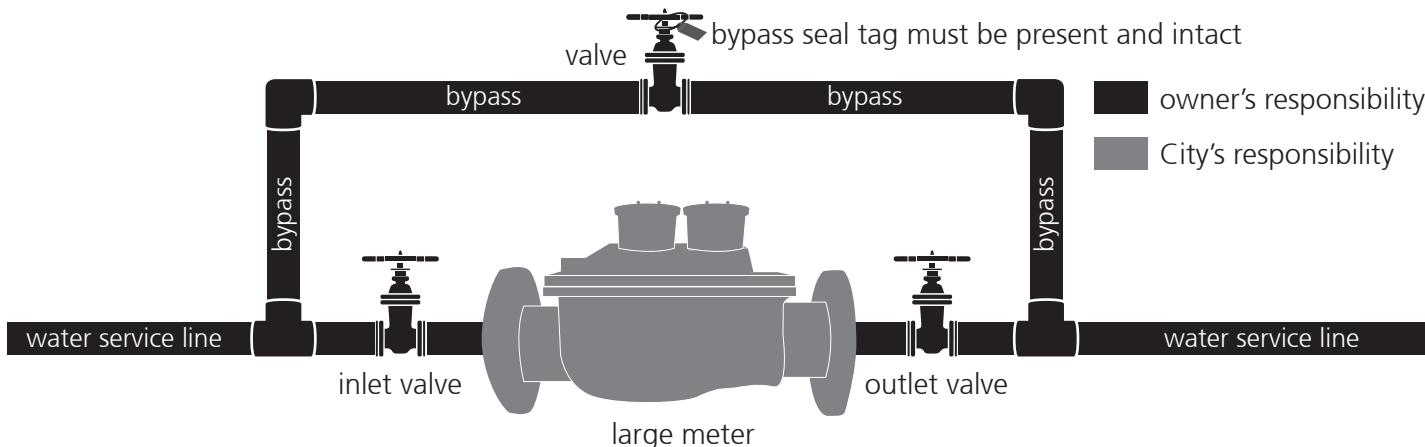
2.54%

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



4.78%

COMPONENTS OF A LARGE METER



ONGOING MAINTENANCE

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



Open and 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 is designed to safeguard the quality and distribution of the City of Hamilton's drinking water by requiring protection measures for all industrial, commercial, institutional, and multi-residential properties that are four storeys or higher. Without proper safeguards, backflow conditions could allow contaminants from these properties to enter the drinking water system, posing a risk to public health and safety.

Self-Assessed Survey

If your property was built before 2014 and has a water service line 38 mm (1.5 inches) or smaller, you must complete a Self-Assessed Survey every five 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 a Cross-Connection Survey once every five years.

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

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