

2019 WATER & WASTEWATER RATE STRUCTURE

The County of Brant (County) strives to maintain cost effective and efficient municipal water and wastewater systems. These systems are funded on a user-pay basis. As such, adjustments to the rates may be required from time to time to reflect the cost of operating and maintaining the systems under ever increasingly stringent Provincial regulations. The County reviews these costs and related rates annually.

The results of the review at the end of 2018 identified that some adjustments to the rates were required. Specific water and wastewater rates adopted by County of Brant Council are as follows:

WATER & WASTEWATER RATES EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2019

Volumetric Charge per cubic meter (m³): Water \$1.35/m³ Wastewater \$1.46/m³

Fixed Monthly Charge:

Meter Size (inches)	Water	Wastewater
5/8	\$48.62	\$20.82
3/4	\$72.91	\$31.22
1	\$121.53	\$52.04
1 1/2	\$243.08	\$104.10
2	\$388.93	\$166.56
3	\$826.48	\$353.94

Bulk Fill Rate: \$2.66/m³

Further details at www.brant.ca/waterservices

Using information from your current utility bill and the chart showing the new rates, you can calculate the amount for your property under both rate structures.

A typical residence using 20 cubic meters per month, with a 5/8 inch meter, would calculate as follows:

Rate Prevailing to February 28, 2019

BILLING COMPONENT	WATER CHARGE	WASTEWATER CHARGE
Fixed Monthly	\$47.92	\$20.27
Plus Volumetric (20m ³)	(rate \$1.30/m ³) \$26.00	(rate \$1.41/m ³) \$28.20
Total Charge	\$73.92	\$48.47

Total Monthly Bill (water & wastewater): \$122.39

Rate Effective March 1, 2019

BILLING COMPONENT	WATER CHARGE	WASTEWATER CHARGE
Fixed Monthly	\$48.62	\$20.82
Plus Volumetric (20m ³)	(rate \$1.35/m ³) \$27.00	(rate \$1.46/m ³) \$29.20
Total Charge	\$75.62	\$50.02

Total Monthly Bill (water & wastewater): \$125.64

If you have further questions, contact the Water Division at publicworks@brant.ca, or 519-449-2451 or 1-888-250-2295.

NEW WATER & WASTEWATER RATES EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2019

The Ontario government mandates that all municipalities providing municipal drinking water carry out a comprehensive review of drinking water operations and submit a Financial Plan every 5 years. The most recent update was submitted January 2014. The County of Brant reviews the Financial Plan annually to ensure it remains current. A formal update to the plan will take place in 2019. As water and wastewater are similar entities, the County reviews wastewater financial matters similar to that of water. The basis of the comprehensive review incorporates the principles of: fairness and equity; affordability; conservation; economic development; and simplicity of understanding.

The January 2014 Water and Wastewater Operations Long Range Financial Plan is available for review on the County's website.

The 2018 annual review of water and wastewater rates incorporated principles established in the Financial Plan. Results of the review identified that some adjustments to the rates were required. The new rates are shown on the other side of this notice. Specific adjustments to the monthly water and wastewater rates adopted by County of Brant Council are as follows:

1. The typical residential fixed monthly water bill is adjusted from \$47.92 to \$48.62 with the volumetric fee adjusted from \$1.30 to \$1.35 for each cubic meter of water used.
2. The bulk water fill rate is adjusted from \$2.57 to \$2.66 per cubic meter.
3. The typical residential fixed monthly wastewater bill is adjusted from \$20.27 to \$20.82 with the volumetric fee adjusted from \$1.41 to \$1.46 for each cubic meter of water used.

A typical household on municipal water and wastewater services using 20 cubic meters of water per month, with a $\frac{5}{8}$ inch meter, will see an increase in their water and wastewater bill of approximately 2.7% (\$3.25).

A typical household on municipal water services only using 20 cubic meters of water per month, with a $\frac{5}{8}$ inch meter, will see an increase in their water bill of approximately 2.3% (\$1.70)

CHARGES FOR WATER SHUT-OFF FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD

Consumers who request that their water be turned off for an extended period of time will pay 75% of the fixed monthly water charge. The fixed portion of the bill is intended to cover the fixed costs of the facilities and is calculated on a 12 month basis. As such, the fee, or at least a substantial portion of it, will be paid by all consumers so that the facilities are available to service them when they are required.

GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the municipal water and wastewater systems (meter maintenance, service connections, water quality, rates, etc.), please contact the Water Division at 519-449-2451 or 1-888-250-2295.

Should you have questions specific to billing and collection for water and wastewater fees, please contact Energy+ Inc. at 519-442-2215 or 1-877-871-2215 (toll free) or customercare@energyplus.ca.

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