

New Water and Wastewater Rates Effective May 1, 2021

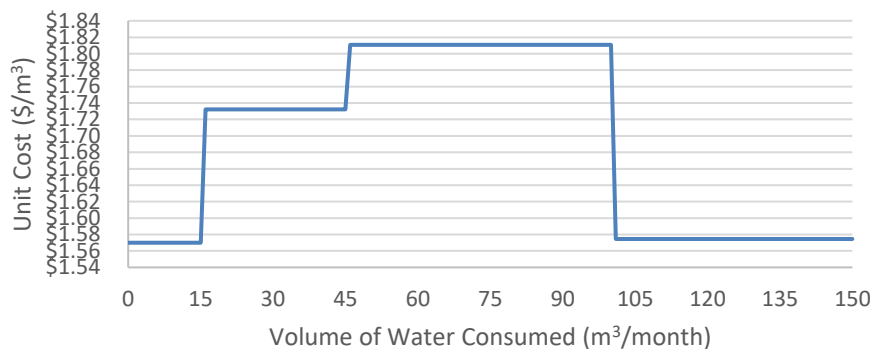
The County of Brant strives to maintain efficient and cost-effective municipal water and wastewater systems. Funding for operation and maintenance is from fees and charges paid by the consumers of the systems. No money collected for property tax is used to fund the water and wastewater systems.

Historically, water and wastewater rates were set annually. The rate structure consisted of a fixed monthly fee specific to the meter size and a volumetric rate that was the same for each cubic meter of water used as measured by the water meter. Consumers expressed desire for a rate structure that reduces costs, encourages and rewards conservation, and provides opportunity to budget for future years. Details of the 2021 Water and Wastewater Rate Study, which considered these desires, can be found on Engage Brant at Engagebrant.ca/waterratestudy.

The new rate structure is set for a 4-year term from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2025. This will allow consumers to accurately budget for future years. In the new structure the fixed monthly fee, based on meter size, decreases in each of the four years. The new structure also introduces a humpback volumetric rate, where fees change at certain milestones of monthly water usage. The rates are shown on the reverse side of this flyer and are also available on our website at Brant.ca/waterservices. Savings can be realized by minimizing your monthly water usage.

In addition, to encourage residential consumers to use water wisely, especially during the summer months, a special rate is applied to consumption by residential consumers using more than 45 cubic meters per month from May 1 to August 31 each year.

Humpback Volumetric Rate Structure (2021)



Example Calculation for a Typical Low Volume Water Consumer:

Consider a consumer with a 5/8" meter who consumes 20 cubic meters.

BILLING COMPONENT		WATER CHARGE		WASTEWATER CHARGE	
Fixed Monthly			\$48.19		\$20.28
Volumetric	First 15m ³	(rate \$1.57/m ³)	\$23.55	(rate \$1.57/m ³)	\$23.55
	Last 5m ³	(rate \$1.73/m ³)	\$8.65	(rate \$1.72/m ³)	\$8.60
TOTAL			\$80.39		\$52.43

Total Monthly Bill (water & wastewater): \$132.82

Example Calculation for a Typical High Volume Water Consumer:

Consider a consumer with a 2" meter who consumes 175 cubic meters.

BILLING COMPONENT		WATER CHARGE		WASTEWATER CHARGE	
Fixed Monthly			\$385.46		\$162.19
Volumetric	First 15 m ³	(rate \$1.57/m ³)	\$23.55	(rate \$1.57/m ³)	\$23.55
	Next 30 m ³	(rate \$1.73/m ³)	\$51.90	(rate \$1.72/m ³)	\$51.60
	Next 55 m ³	(rate \$1.81/m ³)	\$99.55	(rate \$1.80/m ³)	\$99.00
	Last 75 m ³	(rate \$1.57/m ³)	\$117.75	(rate \$1.57/m ³)	\$117.75
TOTAL			\$678.21		\$454.09

Total Monthly Bill (water & wastewater): \$1,132.30



2021-2025 Water and Wastewater Rate Structure

Fixed Monthly Rates

Meter Size (inches)	May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022		May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023		May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024		May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025	
	Water	Wastewater	Water	Wastewater	Water	Wastewater	Water	Wastewater
5/8	\$48.19	\$20.28	\$47.21	\$20.02	\$46.28	\$19.69	\$45.34	\$19.41
3/4	\$72.26	\$30.41	\$70.79	\$30.03	\$69.40	\$29.52	\$67.99	\$29.11
1	\$120.45	\$50.68	\$118.00	\$50.05	\$115.68	\$49.21	\$113.32	\$48.52
1½	\$240.92	\$101.37	\$236.03	\$100.11	\$231.38	\$98.43	\$226.66	\$97.04
2	\$385.46	\$162.19	\$377.64	\$160.17	\$370.21	\$157.48	\$362.66	\$155.27
3	\$819.19	\$344.70	\$802.57	\$340.41	\$786.77	\$334.68	\$770.72	\$329.98

Monthly Fixed Charges: The fixed charge applies even if you have not used any water. The budgeted fixed costs include meter reading, billing, customer service, repair, and maintenance costs. These costs are incurred whether water is used or not.

Volumetric Rates (per cubic meter – m³)

Volumetric Usage (m ³)	May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022		May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023		May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024		May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025	
	Water	Wastewater	Water	Wastewater	Water	Wastewater	Water	Wastewater
0 to 15	\$1.57	\$1.57	\$1.79	\$1.61	\$2.00	\$1.67	\$2.22	\$1.72
15.1 to 45	\$1.73	\$1.72	\$1.96	\$1.77	\$2.20	\$1.83	\$2.45	\$1.89
45.1 to 100	\$1.81	\$1.80	\$2.05	\$1.85	\$2.30	\$1.92	\$2.56	\$1.98
100.1 and over	\$1.57	\$1.57	\$1.79	\$1.61	\$2.00	\$1.67	\$2.22	\$1.72
Seasonal Premium – May 1 to August 31 for Residential Consumers using over 45 cubic meters								
45.1 to 100	\$2.35	\$1.80	\$2.67	\$1.85	\$2.99	\$1.92	\$3.33	\$1.98
100.1 and over	\$2.04	\$1.57	\$2.33	\$1.61	\$2.60	\$1.67	\$2.89	\$1.72
Bulk Water	\$2.99	N/A	\$3.17	N/A	\$3.36	N/A	\$3.56	N/A

Volumetric Charges: These charges are based on water consumption, measured by the water meter. The cost of water used is based on a charge per cubic meter (m³). One cubic meter is equal to 1,000 litres or 220 imperial gallons.

Water Shut-off For an Extended Period

Consumers who go away for extended periods or otherwise will not be using water may request that their water be temporarily turned off. Those consumers will pay 75% of the fixed monthly water charge. The fixed charge applies because certain fixed costs are incurred whether water is used or not.

Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding municipal water and wastewater systems, please contact the Environmental Services Division at 519.44BRANT (519.442.7268), 1.855.44BRANT or publicworks@brant.ca.

If you have any questions regarding billing and collection for water and wastewater, please contact Energy+ Inc at 519.442.2215 or 1.877.871.2215 or customer@energyplus.ca.