

To test the toilet, put a few drops of food colouring in the tank when you're not using it and see if the colour seeps through to the bowl. If it does, you may need to replace the flapper valve and/or the rubber gasket at the bottom of the tank. If your toilet is an older model, consider replacing it. Toilets made prior to 1985 can use 13 to 30 litres per flush. Whereas, current Dual Flush and Ultra Low Flow Toilets can use as little as three and six litres per flush respectively.

Here are some other simple ideas to save water and money:

- During winter months, prevent water pipes from freezing and bursting. Turn the inside tap off first, then turn the outside tap on to drain any excess water
- Take shorter showers and replace shower heads with low-flow heads
- Load your dishwasher and washing machine to capacity
- Don't run water while brushing your teeth or shaving
- Apply only one inch of water to grass weekly to ensure deep root growth
- Landscape your gardens using drought resistant grasses and plants

For more information or for a copy of the Household Guide to Water Efficiency, please call

**Halton Region**

905-825-6000

Toll free: 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866)

TTY: 905-827-9833

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## Notice to Halton Water and Wastewater Ratepayers 2006 Water and Wastewater Rates

The 2006 Water Rates and Wastewater Surcharge will take effect on all bills issued on and after January 1, 2006. Water Rates are increasing by 6.0 per cent, while Wastewater Surcharges are increasing by 8.5 per cent.

The "Cast Iron Watermain Charge" which appears as a separate line item on your regular billing is applicable to all water consumption regardless of usage consumption levels, for both residential and commercial/industrial ratepayers. There is no increase in this charge in 2006.

The combined impact of the water, cast iron watermain and wastewater charges for 2006 results in an overall year-over-year billing increase of 7.2 per cent relative to 2005 rates and charges.

The basis for billing remains the same as in 2005, consisting of a monthly water and wastewater service charge based on meter size, a water usage charge based on 100 per cent of water consumption and a wastewater volume charge based on 100 per cent of water usage up to a maximum of 60 cubic meters per month per residential unit.

### ENQUIRIES

For further information concerning water and wastewater rate structure and policy, contact Halton Region at 905-825-6000, 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866), or TTY 905-827-9833 and ask for "Water and Wastewater Enquiries".

For information concerning water and wastewater readings, billings and payments, please contact your local hydro billing office:

Burlington Hydro Inc. ....	905-332-1851
Halton Hills Hydro Inc. ....	519-853-3701
Milton Hydro .....	905-876-4611
Oakville Hydro .....	905-825-9400

**2006 WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES**  
(All Rates are Monthly)

**RESIDENTIAL RATEPAYERS**

**Service Charge Based on Water Meter Size**

METER SIZE		Water	Wastewater
12 mm	(3/4") or less	\$8.02	\$8.53
15 mm	(3/4") or less	\$8.02	\$8.53
20 mm	(3/4") or less	\$8.02	\$8.53
25 mm	(1")	\$13.91	\$14.91
30 mm	(1-1/4")	\$21.15	\$22.70
40 mm	(1-1/2")	\$24.68	\$26.56
50 mm	(2")	\$57.45	\$61.92
60 mm	(2-1/2")	\$86.53	\$93.17
75 mm	(3")	\$104.79	\$112.57
100 mm	(4")	\$181.22	\$195.17
150 mm	(6")	\$465.00	\$500.77
200 mm	(8")	\$748.61	\$806.52
250 mm	(10")	\$936.04	\$978.93

**USAGE CHARGE PER CUBIC METRE**

**Consumption Blocks**

From	To		Water	Wastewater
0m <sup>3</sup>	25m <sup>3</sup>	First 25m <sup>3</sup> at	65.62¢	70.40¢
26m <sup>3</sup>	45m <sup>3</sup>	Next 20m <sup>3</sup> at	75.44¢	70.40¢
46m <sup>3</sup>	60m <sup>3</sup>	Next 15m <sup>3</sup> at	86.73¢	70.40¢
61m <sup>3</sup>	460m <sup>3</sup>	Next 400m <sup>3</sup> at	80.25¢	n/c
Greater than	460m <sup>3</sup>	Balance at	65.62¢	n/c

Usage rates are applied progressively through the consumption blocks. The number of units in multi-unit residential premises are applied to each consumption block for rate calculation purposes.

**CAST IRON WATERMAIN CHARGE PER CUBIC METRE**

	Water	Wastewater
All consumption	13.96¢	n/c

**COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL RATEPAYERS**

**Service Charge Based on Water Meter Size**

METER SIZE		Water	Wastewater
12 mm	(3/4") or less	\$8.02	\$8.53
15 mm	(3/4") or less	\$8.02	\$8.53
20 mm	(3/4") or less	\$8.02	\$8.53
25 mm	(1")	\$23.79	\$29.71
30 mm	(1-1/4")	\$34.07	\$42.41
40 mm	(1-1/2")	\$39.13	\$48.72
50 mm	(2")	\$85.55	\$106.59
60 mm	(2-1/2")	\$126.66	\$157.92
75 mm	(3")	\$152.43	\$190.11
100 mm	(4")	\$260.69	\$325.02
150 mm	(6")	\$662.31	\$825.98
200 mm	(8")	\$1,064.09	\$1,326.90
250 mm	(10")	\$1,329.57	\$1,657.63

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**How to Calculate Your Bill**

Here is an example:

Calculation based on bi-monthly consumption of 50m<sup>3</sup> and meter size of 15 mm (meter size is identified on the bill or you can determine it by the service fee charged).

Water Service Charge:	\$8.02 x 2 months	\$16.04
Wastewater Service Charge:	\$8.53 x 2 months	17.06
Water Usage Charge:	50 m <sup>3</sup> x 65.62¢	32.81
<i>(Use Consumption Blocks attached)</i>		
Wastewater Usage Charge:	50 m <sup>3</sup> x 70.40¢	35.20
Cast Iron Watermain Charge:	50 m <sup>3</sup> x 13.96¢	6.98
<b>Total bill</b>		<b>\$108.09</b>

**Is Your Water Consumption Estimated?**

If your bill is estimated or shows 0 (zero) consumption, please read your water meter and call your local hydro billing office to report the actual consumption.

**Remote Reading Device**

The following only applies to odometer style remote devices and excludes Touch Pad devices (no readable numbers outside). The water meter inside your home/building and the remote reader outside should be checked occasionally to make sure they are reading the same. If the water meter and the remote reading device are not reading the same within 5m<sup>3</sup>, please call Halton Region's Water Meter Department at 905-825-6000 or toll free 1-866-4-HALTON (1-866-442-5866), ext. 7672 or 7673.

**Water Conservation and Leak Detection**  
**220 gallons or 1000 litres = 1 m<sup>3</sup>**

It is in everyone's best interest to conserve water. Not only does water conservation result in significant savings on your water bill, but it will also help preserve more water for the environment. Water conservation also helps to maintain the operating efficiency of Regional treatment plants.

A toilet running continuously can use as much as 5,000 litres per day or more! Even a slow, silent leak can use more water and cost you more money on your bill.