

NEW WATER/WASTEWATER RATES

At the March 26th, 2018 Council meeting, new water and wastewater rates were approved. Amending Bylaw 2018-44 increases the rates by 5%. These new rates **come into effect July 1, 2018**. The current rates have been in effect since July 1, 2017. Your next quarterly water/wastewater bill, that covers the period July 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018, **will have the new rates applied. These bills will be issued in early October.**

Explanation of charges

- **Water Consumptive Rate** is based on the amount of water you use, as measured by the water meter. The cost of water used is based on a charge per cubic metre (m³). One cubic metre is equal to 1,000 litres or 220 imperial gallons. This covers the cost of bringing water to your home.
- **Wastewater Consumptive Rate** is also based on the amount of water you use, as measured by the water meter. This covers the cost to collect, transport and treat sewage so that it meets Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change requirements before it is released to Lake Ontario. Charges are based on your per cubic metre water use.
- **Water and Wastewater Quarterly Fixed Charge** is billed quarterly, based on meter size. This charge applies even if you haven't used any water in a given billing period as there's a cost to provide capacity to your property.

Below are the new rates effective July 1, 2018

WATER RATES:

Consumptive Rate:

\$1.28 per cubic metre

Quarterly Fixed Charge

(based on size of service)

Meter Size	Charge
5/8"	\$ 35.81
3/4"	\$ 35.81
1"	\$ 89.51
1 ¼"	\$ 134.27
1 ½"	\$ 179.03
2"	\$ 286.44
3"	\$ 572.89
4"	\$ 895.14
6"	\$1,790.27
8"	\$2,864.43

WASTEWATER RATES:

Consumptive Rate:

\$1.65 per cubic metre

Quarterly Fixed Charge

(based on size of service)

Meter Size	Charge
5/8"	\$ 82.55
3/4"	\$ 82.55
1"	\$ 206.38
1 ¼"	\$ 309.56
1 ½"	\$ 412.76
2"	\$ 660.40
3"	\$1,320.81
4"	\$2,063.75
6"	\$4,127.51
8"	\$6,604.02

Average Household Impact

The average residential water consumption per quarter is 45 cubic metres. Based on this consumption, the average quarterly water/wastewater invoice will change from \$238.27 to \$250.21. This represents an increase of \$11.94 per quarter or \$3.98 a month.

Important Water Billing Facts

- Property owners need to be aware the Municipal Act, 2001 permits the Township to add unpaid water and wastewater charges to the tax roll of the property to which the public utility was supplied.
- As per the Township's Bylaw 2004-42, if your meter is not functioning accurately, your billing will be based on an estimation of your water usage. Please call our Public Works Department at 905.957.3346, ext. 5139 should you suspect your meter is not measuring consumption accurately.

Go to www.westlincoln.ca for information on how to read a water meter.

Checking for Leaks

Water is our most precious resource. Doing everything in our power to prevent water waste helps to conserve this vital resource while saving money. One of the most common sources of water waste is leaks.

Leak size - equivalent to openings of:	1/16 inch •	1/8 inch •	1/4 inch ●
Cubic metres per day 1 cubic metre = 1,000 Litres	3	12	50

Toilets are NOT Trash Cans

By keeping harmful items out of your toilet, you help the sewer systems run more effectively. The following items can clog pipes or tangle into massive knots that damage sewage pumps and are prohibited from being flushed into the sewer:

- Wipes (including the 'flushable' kind)
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Kitty Litter
- Dental Floss
- Diapers
- Hair
- Paper Towels

Help prevent sewer issues by only flushing human waste and toilet paper – everything else is garbage!