

# The City of Toronto is considering a stormwater charge



**STORMWATER IS**  
**RAIN AND MELTED SNOW**



More **extreme storms** + more **hard surfaces** in the city  
= **more water** making its way into the stormwater system

Too much water **can overwhelm** the stormwater system leading to:

- flooded basements
- poor water quality in local waterways, including Lake Ontario

Stormwater management is **critical**, and includes:

- infrastructure improvements
- looking at new ways to manage stormwater

## How will a stormwater charge affect water bills?

The proposal is to remove the portion paid for stormwater – currently embedded in the water rate – and show it as a separate charge on the bill. The water rate will decrease and a stormwater charge will be added. The amount paid for stormwater will be based on property size and the average amount of hard surfaces on properties of a similar size. **Some bills will go up and some will go down.**


The examples on the right use proposed 2019 water rates. They are examples only, because water use and lot size differ for all properties.

## Tell us what you think


Visit [toronto.ca/stormwatercharge](http://toronto.ca/stormwatercharge) to:

- Learn more about the proposed stormwater charge
- Get a complete list of the **public consultation** dates and locations
- Complete the **survey**

**RESIDENTIAL** Assumes annual water use of 265 cubic metres and a lot size of 0.037 ha (approx. 4,000 sq ft)


CURRENT	PROPOSAL: LOWER WATER RATE + STORMWATER CHARGE
Water rate charge: <b>\$1,038</b>	Water rate charge: <b>\$805</b> Stormwater charge: <b>\$225</b>
Total annual bill: <b>\$1,038</b> Per day: <b>\$2.84</b>	Total annual bill: <b>\$1,030</b> Per day: <b>\$2.82</b>
	Annual difference: <b>-\$8</b> <b>-0.8%</b>

**APARTMENT & CONDO BUILDINGS** Assumes annual water use of 2,557 cubic metres and a lot size of 0.088 ha (approx. 9,500 sq ft)

CURRENT	PROPOSAL: LOWER WATER RATE + STORMWATER CHARGE
Water rate charge: <b>\$10,018</b>	Water rate charge: <b>\$7,771</b> Stormwater charge: <b>\$860</b>
Total annual bill: <b>\$10,018</b> Per day: <b>\$27.45</b>	Total annual bill: <b>\$8,631</b> Per day: <b>\$23.65</b>
	Annual difference: <b>-\$1,387</b> <b>-13.8%</b>

### INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL & INSTITUTIONAL

Assumes annual water use of 532 cubic metres and a lot size of 0.052 ha (approx. 5,600 sq ft)

CURRENT	PROPOSAL: LOWER WATER RATE + STORMWATER CHARGE
Water rate charge: <b>\$2,084</b>	Water rate charge: <b>\$1,617</b> Stormwater charge: <b>\$530</b>
Total annual bill: <b>\$2,084</b> Per day: <b>\$5.71</b>	Total annual bill: <b>\$2,147</b> Per day: <b>\$5.88</b>
	Annual difference: <b>\$62</b> <b>3.0%</b>

Toronto City Council will be considering the stormwater charge in the spring of 2017.