

Water Consumption Facts

2026 Metered water rate: **\$1.31 per cubic meter (m3)** ¹

One Cubic meter = 1000 litres

Average daily consumption for family of 4: 688 Litres = 0.69 m3 = \$0.90 per day ²

Water used by common household appliances and fixtures:

	<i>Estimated Litres</i>	<i>Cubic Meters</i>	<i>Cost Per Unit</i>
Standard toilet flush	11 L	0.01 m3	\$ 0.01
Low flow toilet flush	6 L	0.01 m3	\$ 0.01
Standard sized bathtub fill	95 L	0.10 m3	\$ 0.13
Washing machine load	90 L	0.09 m3	\$ 0.12
HE washing machine load	30 L	0.03 m3	\$ 0.04
Dishwasher load	13 L	0.01 m3	\$ 0.01
Handwashing a load of dishes	60 L	0.06 m3	\$ 0.08
Standard Shower Head - 10 minutes	180 L	0.18 m3	\$ 0.24
Low Flow Shower Head - 10 minutes	70 L	0.07 m3	\$ 0.09
Average inground pool fill – 16' W x 32' L x 8' D	116,000 L	116 m3	\$ 151.96
Average above ground pool fill - 24' Diameter x 48" D	51,000 L	51 m3	\$ 66.81
Average lawn sprinkler - 1 hour	3860 L	3.86 m3	\$ 5.06

Common causes of high consumption:

<i>Unit</i>	<i>Estimated Litres per day</i>	<i>Cubic Meters per day</i>	<i>Cost per day</i>	<i>Cost per year</i>
Running toilet	760 L	0.76 m3	\$ 1.00	\$ 365.00
Leaking Faucet – Slow Drip 10/min	4 L	0.004 m3	\$ 0.01	\$ 3.65
Leaking Faucet – Steady Drip 60/min	20 L	0.02 m3	\$ 0.03	\$ 10.95
Leaking Garden Hose or Irrigations System	3790 L	3.79 m3	\$ 4.96	\$ 905.20

Water conservation tips:

- Monitor utility bills for unusually high consumption. Check for leaks or call a plumber
- Convert to water saving fixtures and appliances
- Turn the tap off while brushing teeth, shaving, or scrubbing dishes
- Install a solar cover on your pool to reduce evaporation
- Water lawns and gardens in the early morning or late evening to reduce evaporation
- Use a rain barrel to collect rainwater for watering gardens

¹ All rates below are based on Bylaw No. 2025-134 2026 Consolidated Rates and Fees. Rates update yearly, please see newest bylaw for current rates

² As per Statistics Canada Table 38-10-0271-01 2019 *Potable water use by sector and average daily use*