

Water charges under the current water bylaw are set at a flat rate of \$70.00 and an infrastructure rate of \$16.00 plus tiered increments for each cubic metre of water consumed. A cubic metre equals the following amounts in other units of measure which may be more familiar to customers.

		<u>Cost Per Unit</u>
One cubic metre	= 1,000 litres	\$0.00060 per litre
	= 220 gallons	\$0.002727 per gallon
		(costs are based on \$0.60 per cubic metre)



Based on our metre readings, it appears that the average household uses about .78 cubic metres per day (789 litres or 172 gallons per day) which equates to about 47 cents per day in consumption charges.

The following table gives approximate costs for various water uses based on average consumption rates.
Tier one rate only used in calculations

Use	Unit	Average Volume (Cubic Metres)	Cost in Dollars
Toilet Flush - low flow	per flush	0.007	0.004
Toilet Flush - standard	per flush	0.020	0.012
Bathtub Fill - standard	per fill	0.140	0.084
Bathtub Fill - over sized	per fill	0.250	0.150
Washing Machine	per full load	0.200	0.120
Dishwasher	per load	0.050	0.030
Shower - low flow head	10 min. shower	0.090	0.054
Shower - standard head	10 min. shower	0.275	0.165
Lawn Sprinkler - low flow	per hour	0.950	0.570
Underground Irrigation System	per hour	2.720	1.632
			(costs are based on \$0.60 per cubic metre)

Leaking faucets, toilets and other fixtures can increase your consumption amounts dramatically, as shown below. Check for leaks and fix them as soon as possible. In most cases, all that is required to fix the problem and save water and money is a washer worth a few cents.

	Volume (m3/day)*	Cost \$ per day	Cost \$ per month	Cost \$ per year
Leaking faucet - slow drip	0.070	\$0.0420	\$1.26	\$15.33
Leaking faucet - steady drip	0.115	\$0.0690	\$2.07	\$25.18
Leaking faucet - stream	0.450	\$0.2700	\$8.10	\$98.55
Running toilet - steady	2.500	\$1.5000	\$45.00	\$547.50

***cubic metres/day**

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