

Reduced Consumption = Reduced Costs

The sewer surcharge appears on your Enwin bill under the “Your Waste Water Charges” heading and represents fees collected by Enwin on behalf of the City of Windsor for ongoing operating and capital costs related to sewer infrastructure, water treatment plants and pumping stations.

The sewer surcharge is calculated based on fixed charges, as well as your water consumption amount in cubic metres (m³). **This does not include the summer levy or increased summer consumption costs. Currently, there is a limited ability to control your sewer surcharge cost since more than 70% of the fees are based on fixed charges.**

The way the sewer surcharge is calculated on your bill is changing to better reflect the amount of water that you, the consumer, actually use. In order to be more closely aligned with the provincial average as it relates to the fixed/consumption fee ratio, **the formula will now be based on 30% fixed cost and 70% consumption cost for average water users.**

You will now be able to better manage your sewer surcharge costs by reducing your water consumption. Please see the reverse side for water consumption tips and ideas. Lower water consumption will reduce the strain on the sewer infrastructure, which could delay the need for future capital expenditures, **thus saving money over the long term.**



Calculating Your Sewer Surcharge

The fixed cost portion of the sewer surcharge will be calculated as 58% of the Windsor Utilities Commission (WUC) fixed meter charge. WUC also adds a 45% levy for their capital improvements, on the fixed meter charge. This amount is shown on the Water Main Replacement Levy line of your bill. The fixed cost portion of the sewer surcharge will be consistent at \$14.16, calculated as follows:

Fixed Meter Charge	\$16.84
WUC Water Main Replacement Levy (45% of fixed meter charge)	+ \$7.58
Total Fixed WUC Charges	<u>\$24.42</u>
Fixed Cost Portion of Sewer Surcharge = \$24.42 X 58% =	\$14.16

The consumption cost portion of the sewer surcharge will be calculated as 476% of water usage and also includes a provision for the Water Main Replacement Levy charged by WUC. The cost per cubic meter of water is \$0.266, so the consumption cost portion of the sewer surcharge will vary based upon your water usage. Sample Calculation based on 18 m³ of water usage:

Water Usage (18 m ³ @ \$0.266/m ³)	\$4.79
WUC Water Main Replacement Levy (45% of water usage)	+ \$2.16
Total WUC Charges	<u>\$6.95</u>
Consumption Cost Portion of Sewer Surcharge = \$6.95 X 476% =	\$33.08
Total Sewer Surcharge = \$14.16 + \$33.08 =	\$47.24

Water Conservation Tips

- When purchasing new appliances or fixtures, consider ones that will save water and energy.
- Wash only full loads in the dishwasher or clothes washer.
- Soak pots and pans before washing. When washing dishes by hand, fill one sink or basin with soapy water.
- Check regularly for any leaks and fix them. Most common bathroom leaks are found in faucets and in and around toilets.
- Turn the tap water off while brushing your teeth, shaving, or washing your face.
- Cut down on your shower time and/or only fill the bathtub 1/3 full when bathing.
- Insulate your water pipes. You'll get hot water faster plus avoid wasting water while it heats up.
- Collect rainwater in an old barrel or other large container that is outfitted with a spigot and a suitable cover, and use the water on your garden.
- Don't over water your grass or landscaping.



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