

## 2005 WATER AND SEWER RATES

### Water Rates

Sarnia City Council has approved the following metered water rates schedule for 2005:

Size of Meter	Monthly Service Charge	Rate per cubic meter of Water Consumed
5/8"	\$ 9.29	72.74 ¢
3/4"	\$ 13.13	72.74 ¢
1"	\$ 22.99	72.74 ¢
1 1/2"	\$ 45.98	72.74 ¢
2"	\$ 84.97	72.74 ¢
3"	\$ 163.53	72.74 ¢
4"	\$ 255.53	72.74 ¢
6"	\$ 531.18	72.74 ¢
8"	\$ 1021.97	72.74 ¢
10"	\$ 1692.90	72.74 ¢

The 2005 rates reflect a significant increase in the service charge but a decrease in the consumption charge. These changes will increase the stability of the water rates particularly in periods where weather may have a significant impact on consumption.

### Sewer Charge

The sewer surcharge is calculated at 80% of the total water bill i.e. monthly service charge plus consumption charge.

Funds generated through the sewer charge are used to cover the costs to operate and maintain the City's sanitary sewage system including the sewage treatment plant.

Anyone who does not have access to the municipal sanitary sewer system may apply to the Water Department for an exemption from the sewer charge.

**Note:** The 2004 portion of your bill is billed at 2004 rates.  
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### Minimum Bill

The minimum bill for any month, or any part of the month, will be the applicable monthly service charge plus sewer charge.

### Bluewater Power

Starting April 1, 2005, meter reading, billing and payment collection of the City water and sewer charges will be managed by Bluewater Power Distribution. At this time, Bluewater Power will begin issuing invoices for your water usage on a six times per year schedule, reflecting a recent decision by the City to further improve its level of service to its customers and the management of funds for service maintenance. During the brief transition period, please make payment to the organization and address that appears on the top of the bill.

This is another step forward by the City to work progressively with other public service organizations to cut duplication, reduce costs, and ensure that publicly funded staff and resources are applied to the greatest benefits to our residents.

### Leaks Cost You Money

A continuous water leak will result in significant water consumption and unnecessary water and sewer charges. Please ensure that your toilet does not run continuously or that you do not have any other water running unnecessarily.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to keep the area around your water meter clear of obstructions such as brush, flower pots, and vehicles.