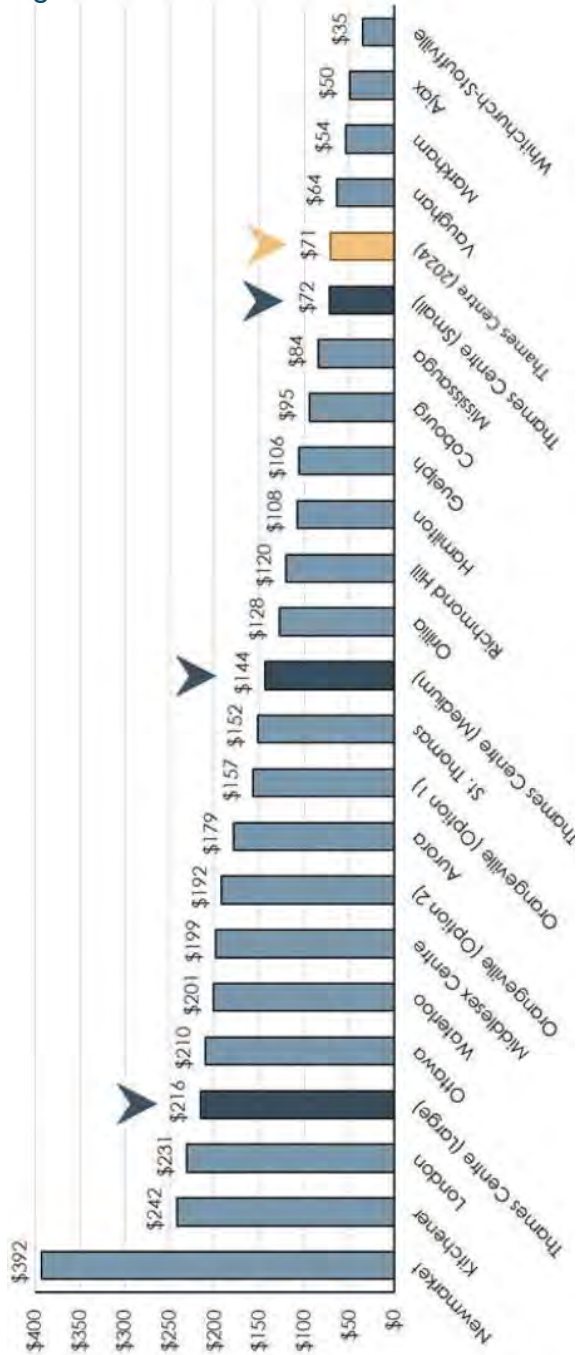


Stormwater Rates Comparison

The Annual Stormwater Rate Charges shown below are being compared to the average single detached home that is 0.25 acres.



Learn More

For more details on the Stormwater Rates Study, please visit:

<https://www.thamescentre.on.ca/services/residents/stormwater-and-drainage>

Or contact the Municipality:



519-268-7334



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Understanding the New Stormwater Rate Structure



About the New Stormwater Fee

The Municipality of Thames Centre is implementing an updated stormwater fee within our Urban Boundaries to ensure stable funding for its stormwater management system, which includes storm sewers, catch basins, maintenance holes, and stormwater management ponds.

2025 Stormwater Rates:

| Residential Property Category (Acres) | 2025 Annual Cost (\$) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| ≤0.25 (Flat Rate) | \$72.03 |
| >0.25 & <1.00 (Flat Rate) | \$144.07 |
| ≥1.00 (Flat Rate) | \$216.00 |

| Non - Residential Property Category (Acres) | 2025 Annual Cost (\$) |
|---|-----------------------|
| ≤5.00 (Flat Rate) | \$265.00 |
| >5.00 & <15.00 (Flat Rate) | \$530.00 |
| ≥15.00 (Flat Rate) | \$795.00 |

What Does This Fee Cover?



Capital Upgrades



Operations & Maintenance



Asset Management

How Did We Get Here?

Since 2019, Thames Centre has included a nominal stormwater charge in water bills. However, this flat rate system did not account for property size or type, leading to an inequitable distribution of costs. A review of funding models determined that transitioning to a tiered structure would produce a more proportionate and sustainable approach.

2024 Stormwater Rate Study

In 2024, Watson & Associates completed a Stormwater Rates Study for the Municipality. The purpose of the study was to undertake an assessment of the full cost of stormwater management services and develop an alternative rate structure to recover the full cost of capital and operating costs, as well as funding asset management needs.

Rate Study Findings:

- Properties generating more runoff should contribute more proportionally
- Aligning with best municipal practices ensures long-term stability
- Reducing reliance on external funding and debt enhances financial stability

The purpose of this special insert is to provide information on the new Stormwater Rates included in your 2025 Utility Bills.

To ensure the continued maintenance and sustainability of our stormwater system, the Municipality is implementing a new rate structure.

This system plays a vital role in protecting properties and the environment from flooding, erosion, and water quality.

The updated Stormwater Rate introduces a tiered structure, distinguishing between Residential and Non-Residential properties. This model is designed to create a fair and balanced approach, with charges based on property size and usage. By adopting this method, the Municipality ensures that stormwater management remains equitable and sustainable, eliminating reliance on external funding.