



Lawn & New Sod Watering Notice

New Subdivision Areas

Congratulations on your new home investment in Thames Centre. As part of improving that investment, Homeowners are often challenged with placing and maintaining new sod to put the finishing touches on the look and usability of your new home. This usually requires a substantial amount of water use through lawn sprinkling until the lawn is established and able to survive the naturally hotter and drier summer conditions. As a new home owner there are a few items regarding the local water system that we want to bring to your attention.

Lawn Watering Restrictions

Bylaw #40-98 requires that lawn watering is done at most every second day. This is done through restricting watering to Odd or Even calendar days matching your house address being either an Odd or Even number. This initiative greatly reduces the peak water flow demands on the water system to ensure we can supply the community needs at all times. Not adhering to this bylaw could result in a \$55 fine.

Water & Wastewater Sewer Billing

Water and Wastewater Sewer rates are billed for each home based on the amount of water consumed. The wastewater sewer charges are based on a surcharge applied on the amount of water used. This means that you pay for an equal amount of sewer usage as the water consumed, regardless if it is used for lawn watering and not flowing “down the drain” into the wastewater sewer system. In the case of large water usage for new sod watering, this can result in large water and wastewater sewer billings. The billings are also based on a two month cycle, and the impact of this large cost can be doubled if you are accustomed to a monthly billing cycle (see reverse).

Wastewater Sewer Charges Cap – July & August

The wastewater sewer charges have a cap on the amount that is charged during the months of July and August. The cap reflects a maximum wastewater sewer flow of 50 cubic metres for the two-month summer period. This means that if you use more water than the cap amount, you will not be billed the sewer surcharge for usage above this level. You will however still be charged for all water used on the Water portion of your bill. This provision was approved by Municipal Council to assist the community with the costs of lawn watering during the summer months.

Excessive cost for lawn watering is a cost we hope you can avoid.

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Director of Public Works

Rates Based on 2 Month Billing Period

Item Charge / Billing (2 Months)	Water	Wastewater Sewer	Catherine St Wastewater	Storm Sewer
Fixed Fee Including first 14 Cubic Meters	\$39.00	\$86.00	\$55.13	\$10.19
Charge per Cubic Meter Usage from 15 to 50 Cubic Meters	\$2.13	\$4.63	\$3.01	n/a
Charge per Cubic Meter Usage over 50 Cubic Meters	\$2.89	\$4.63	\$4.10	n/a
Fixed Fee - Fire Protection Unserviced Properties Only	\$15.61	n/a	n/a	n/a
Life Cycle Charge	\$22.33	n/a	n/a	n/a