

# Water Smart Tips

## General



- Be aware of the amount of water your family uses and look for ways to use less whenever possible. Monitor your water bill for unusually high use.
- Check regularly for leaks and fix them. Most common leaks are found around faucets and around toilets.

## Bathroom

- Consider taking shorter showers.
- Turn water off while you brush your teeth or when shaving.
- Consider a high efficiency showerhead.

## Laundry Room

- Wash only full loads in the clothes washer.
- When buying a new washer, consider a water-saving model.

## Kitchen

- Only run your dishwasher when it is full, to make best use of water.

## Outdoor Tips

- Don't overwater your landscape. Give plants only the amount of water they need.
- When washing your car, use a bucket and sponge, plus a trigger nozzle, instead of a running hose.



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# Water and Wastewater Rates

Guelph/Eramosa Water and Wastewater Rates below will be effective from **October 1, 2011 to December 31, 2012.**

## Rockwood

Description	Current Rate	Rate Effective October 1, 2011
Total Rockwood Water Rate (m <sup>3</sup> )	\$1.60	\$1.63
Monthly Water Base Rate	\$4.00	\$4.20
Total Rockwood Wastewater Rate (m <sup>3</sup> )	\$1.63	\$1.72
Monthly Wastewater Base Rate	\$0.00	\$4.20

## Hamilton Drive

Description	Current Rate	Rate Effective October 1, 2011
Total Hamilton Drive Water Rate (m <sup>3</sup> )	\$1.34	\$1.67
Monthly Water Base Rate	\$4.00	\$4.20

## Gazer-Mooney

Description	Current Rate	Rate Effective October 1, 2011
Total Gazer-Mooney Annual Lifecycle Flat Rate	\$179.39	\$191.95

# Why Have Rates Increased?

With the challenges of new water regulations and aging infrastructure, the Township retained Watson and Associates Economists Ltd. to conduct a Water and Wastewater Study.

This study looked at relevant laws, the current and future system needs and the existing infrastructure backlog. It recommended new rates to ensure the sustainability of our water and wastewater system, so that we can provide a level of service our users have come to expect.

The recommended rates were approved after the Water and Wastewater report was presented at an advertised public meeting on June 20, 2011. A copy of the report can be obtained at [www.get.on.ca](http://www.get.on.ca).

# What Does a Cubic Metre Look Like?

Water Consumption is based on the number of cubic metres (m<sup>3</sup>) of water used per billing cycle.

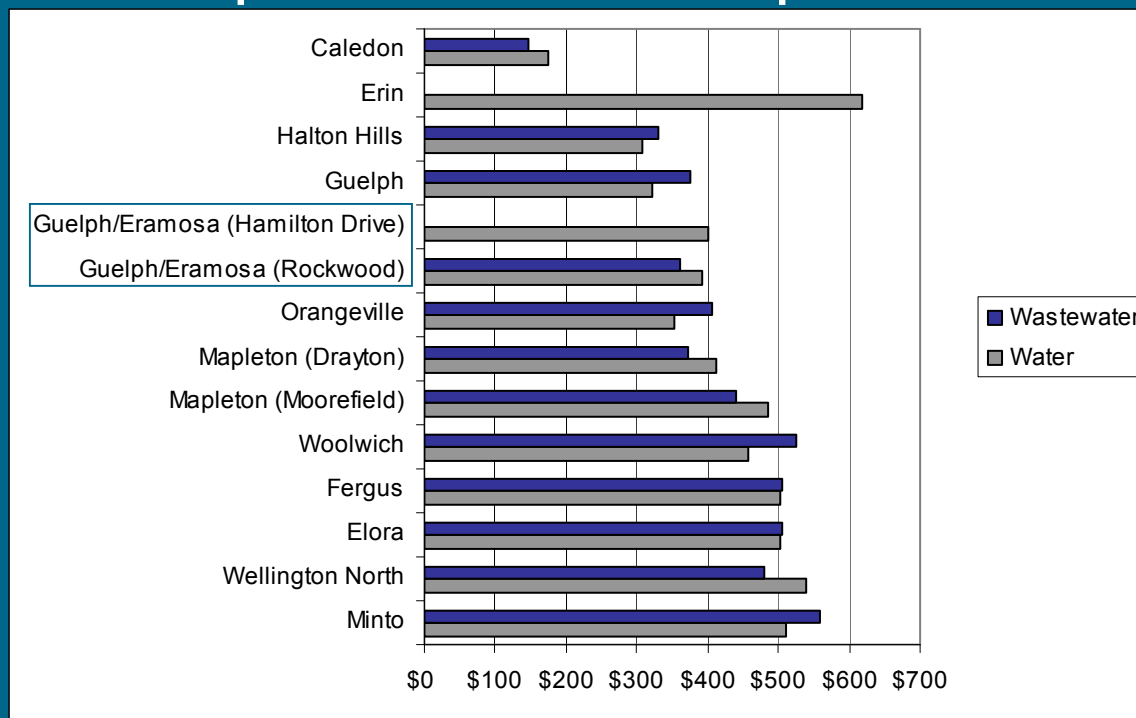
The average family of four uses about one m<sup>3</sup> per day, for all indoor water



(source: AWARF, 1999)

Water use can increase significantly in summer due to outdoor water use. For information on the Township's Outdoor Water Use Restrictions, visit [www.get.on.ca](http://www.get.on.ca).

# How Do Guelph/Eramosa Annual Rates Compare?



Note: Erin and Hamilton Drive do not have wastewater service.