



Severn Bulletin

April 2023

Due dates

Water and sewer bills are due on **April 30**, July 31, and October 31.

Payment options

Pre-authorized payments

Pre-authorized payment plans allow you to set up automatic withdrawals from your bank each month or on the due date. Sign up for pre-authorized payments at: severn.ca/waterbill.

Cheque

Pay by cheque (to Township of Severn) by mail (PO Box 159, Orillia, ON L3V 6J3) or drop box (1024 Hurlwood Lane, Severn).

Banking

Pay through online or telephone banking or in person at a financial institution

Water and sewer rates

Water and sewer services are billed quarterly on a base charge of 68 cubic metres (m³).

Sewer rate for Coldwater, Washago, and West Shore

The 2023 sewer rate is \$204.27 per quarter and \$3.18 m³ for consumption over 68 m³.

Water rate for Bass Lake Woodlands, Coldwater, Sandcastle Estates, Severn Estates, Washago, and West Shore

The 2023 water rate is \$209.32 per quarter and \$2.76/m³ for consumption over 68 m³.

Is your bill higher than expected?

High water bills are usually a result of running toilets, leaky faucets, or problems with automatic trap fillers.

Running toilets

If you think the toilet may be running too often and wasting water, try adding two drops of food colouring to the tank, do not flush and wait 30 minutes. If the colour appears in the bowl the parts are in need of replacement.

Complete a water audit

Turn off all sources of water in the house and check the flow indicator on your meter. If the indicator is moving when all taps and washers are off, you have a leak. Monitor your average consumption by regularly checking your meter. This will allow you to notice any irregularities that could result in excess charges.

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Drinking water quality

We deliver clean and safe drinking water in Severn from our six municipal drinking water systems:

- Bass Lake Woodlands
- Coldwater
- Sandcastle Estates
- Severn Estates
- Washago
- West Shore

We follow the drinking water quality management standards outlined in the Safe Drinking Water Act. Annual water quality reports are available for your review at: severn.ca/drinkingwaterquality.

Water conservation

Here are some tips to help you conserve water:

- don't over water your lawn (only requires 2.5 cm of water per week)
- avoid watering your lawn during the hottest part of the day
- check that water softeners do not start continually running after a power outage
- invest in water and energy saving units
- use a broom instead of a hose to clean sidewalks and driveways
- cover your swimming pool to reduce evaporation up to 90%

Learn more: severn.ca/waterconservation.

Emergency Preparedness Week

Emergency Preparedness Week is May 7 to 13. Our Fire and Emergency Services staff are encouraging everyone to take three simple steps.

Learn more at: severn.ca/emergencypreparedness.

1. Make an emergency plan



In the event of an emergency you may become separated from your family or loved ones, or you may have to evacuate your home. Knowing what you and others would do if an emergency happens is vital to ensuring everyone's safety.

2. Build an emergency kit



An emergency kit should include items that you and family would need to stay safe and healthy for at least three days following an emergency.

3. Stay informed



During an emergency, you should stay tuned to local news channels. Keep a portable, battery-operated, or crank radio in your emergency kit.

