

# Sign up Now

If you agree to the below terms and conditions and wish to sign up for the Voluntary Water Meter Program, please return this completed form to the Engineering Department.

## Terms & Conditions

- Water meters are not to be tampered with after installation. Once installed, the water meter will not be removed and the residence cannot revert back to the flat rate utility bill.
- For the first year, the water charge will not exceed the flat rate. For every year thereafter, the water charge will be based on the amount of water consumed at the applicable water meter rate.
- The owner is requested to take a meter reading and notify Delta's Taxation office, at [taxation@delta.ca](mailto:taxation@delta.ca), if they are moving.

Name:	
Address:	
Secondary Suite:	Yes ___ No ___
Phone:	
Date:	
Signature:	



## Did You Know?

Delta's subsidized **Rain Barrel Program** can help you collect and store rainwater for outdoor use. Using rainwater instead of tap water will save you money if you have a water meter.

Rain barrels are made from recycled plastic and the half cylinder design allows it to sit flat against a wall (137 cm x 107 cm x 53 cm). One rain barrel can hold up to 340 litres of rainwater and when connected to a downspout, will fill up in one day of rain.



**\$70**

including tax and delivery

Delta's **Outdoor Water Saver Kit** can help you conserve water outdoors by preventing over-watering, timing outdoor sprinkling, and securing hose connections.

Each kit includes:

- Spring-loaded water nozzle
- Mechanical water timer
- Hose washers

**\$15**

including tax

Find out about other ways you can reduce your environmental impact:  
[delta.ca/greenliving](http://delta.ca/greenliving)

# VOLUNTARY WATER METER PROGRAM

use less. pay less.



Interested?

Contact the Engineering Department:  
604-946-3260 | [Engineering@delta.ca](mailto:Engineering@delta.ca)

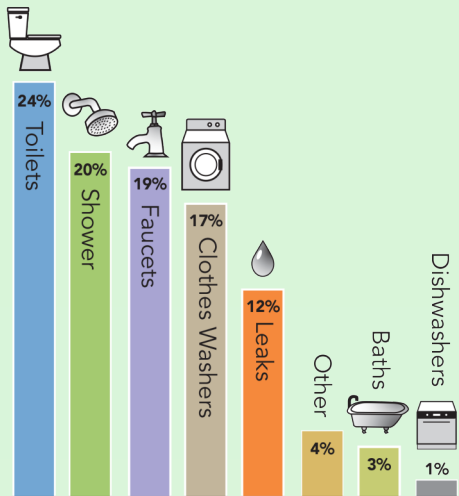
# Voluntary Water Meter Program

Sign up for a FREE meter as part of Delta's Voluntary Water Meter Program and start saving money by conserving water. This program is designed to help prepare our community for future growth and improve the quality of life for our residents.

Water metering is an equitable way to charge for water and sewer that is based on a user-pay system. Metering water in your household helps you understand how much your family uses and may even result in changes to your daily habits.

## How do you use water in your home?

In this region we use about 270 litres of water per person per day *inside* our homes. During the summer, our water use can almost double due to outdoor water use.



Source: Metro Vancouver

## Program Details

### What is a water meter?

A water meter measures the amount of water consumed on your property. Once you have a meter, you are billed for the water you use.

### How does the billing work?

Instead of paying an annual flat rate for utility for water and sewer, residents are billed every quarter (four times a year). Each quarter has a minimum bill of \$50. Water and sewer are charged by the cubic meter ( $m^3$ ):

#### 2023 water use rates:

- \$1.18 per  $m^3$  for the first 125  $m^3$
- \$1.61 per  $m^3$  above 125  $m^3$

#### 2023 sewer use rates\*:

- \$1.30 per  $m^3$

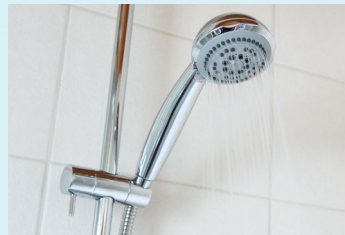
\*Sewer use is based on 80% of total water consumption

### How much is a cubic meter?

One cubic meter equals 1,000 litres (220 gallons). It is equivalent to approximately 7 full bathtubs or 20 dishwasher loads or 143 toilet flushes (source: City of Parksville).

### Will I save money with a water meter?

You may save money with a water meter. As you're only billed for what you use, the less water you use the more you save!



### How much does the water meter cost to have installed?

As part of the Voluntary Water Meter Program, there is no cost to the property for the installation of the meter.

### Where are water meters installed?

Meters are installed in a below-ground meter box located at the water service at the property line. If needed, landscaping will be repaired after installation.

### Who owns, repairs, services and replaces the meter once it's installed?

Delta owns the meter and will repair, service and replace the meter as needed unless the meter was damaged intentionally.

### Who can apply for the program?

The program is designed for single-family residential dwellings only and does not include duplexes, strata units, or properties with secondary suites. You must be the property owner to apply.

### How can I sign up?

Water meters are installed on a first come first serve basis as part of the Voluntary Water Meter Program. To sign up, please complete the form in this brochure and return it to the Engineering Department. Staff will contact you prior to installation to confirm details.

For water conservation tips, visit [welovewater.ca](http://welovewater.ca)