

# 2023

## property tax and utility rate information

### Investing to build our *Community for Life*

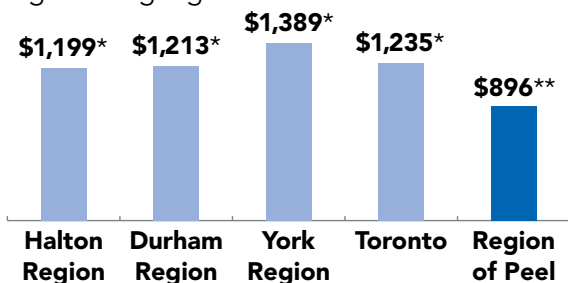
Peel Region's annual budget details how we're investing property tax and water and wastewater (utility) dollars. The money we invest funds the essential community services we provide, such as police services, waste management, affordable housing, and safe, clean drinking water.

Your property taxes and water payments help provide these community services to **1.5 million** residents and **198,500** businesses in Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga.

For details, visit [peelregion.ca/budget](https://peelregion.ca/budget).

# Peel water bills are **29% below** the **GTA average**

The graph below compares the bills of neighbouring regions.



\*Based on 2022 Residential Rates \*\* 2023 Approved Rate

**Note:** York Region's data is the average of 3 municipalities: Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill.

According to the law, utility rates must be full cost recovery. This means each year, all of the costs to operate and maintain the system must equal the revenues to be collected. Peel Region never profits from utility rates.

## Water and wastewater tax dollars pay for:

- The ongoing maintenance and replacement of Peel's water and wastewater systems.
- The system of pipes and pumping stations that supply and receive water from Peel properties.
- Ensuring the accuracy of more than 339,000 water meter readings.
- Conservation authorities' initiatives for drinking water source protection and reducing the effects of climate change in Peel.

## How to reduce your water bill

The amount you are charged is based on the amount of water your meter has recorded, even if you have a leak. Finding and fixing leaks and using less water will help reduce your bill.

For tips on how to detect leaks and use less water, visit [watersmartpeel.ca](https://watersmartpeel.ca).

## Have a question about your bill?

Call 905-791-8711 or visit [peelregion.ca/waterbills](https://peelregion.ca/waterbills).

# 2023 utility rate information

## Water

In Peel, we enjoy safe and clean drinking water that's been treated and tested to ensure excellent quality. Water is billed based on meter readings that show how much water has been consumed at your property.

## Wastewater

The wastewater charge is for Peel's sanitary sewer system operation and treating wastewater. For residential properties connected to wastewater systems with metered water service, the wastewater rate is applied to 85 % of the total water consumed throughout the year.

The 15% discount takes seasonal usage into account, such as lawn watering and swimming pool maintenance, where water isn't returned to the wastewater system.

## Water and wastewater rates

### Cost of water and wastewater per cubic metre

	2022	2023	Increase by percent
Water	\$1.7851	\$1.8672	4.60%
Wastewater	\$1.3418	\$1.4915	11.16%
<b>Combined average increase</b>			<b>7.88%</b>

An average household with water and wastewater services can expect to pay \$58 more for water and wastewater services in 2023.

Water bills issued as of April 1, 2023, will have an average rate increase of 7.88%. The water rate will increase by 4.60% and the wastewater rate will increase by 11.16%.

This rate increase is largely due to having to invest in maintaining the infrastructure combined with the effect of inflation on operating costs. Despite the increase, Peel continues to have the lowest rates in the Greater Toronto Area.

## 2023 Budget highlights from property tax

The 2023 Budget sustains current service levels required for a population that is expected to grow by an average of 25,000 people per year, while our population continues to age at the same time.

Peel is recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. We also continue to manage the impact of the war in Ukraine, supply chain interruptions and delays, escalating inflation, and significant legislative changes.

As we continue to manage and recover, the 2023 Budget focuses on stabilizing services and addressing critical urgent needs by:



Hiring 70 uniformed police officers and 44 paramedics to keep residents safer.

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Adding 100 rental units for middle income households to make housing easier to afford.

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Ensuring that Peel Public Health keeps working to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and keeps providing vital vaccinations.

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Creating programs that stop systemic discrimination.

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Setting plans to manage climate change and declared emergencies in Peel.

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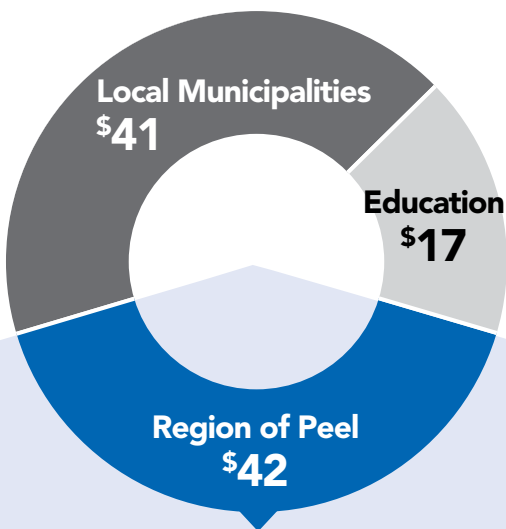
Introducing initiatives that support residents' health and well-being.

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To address the challenges we're facing, the 2023 Budget also reflects the \$4 million we've saved through continually improving our efforts and reducing expenses.

Our Continuous Improvement Program promotes value, efficiency, and innovation at all organizational levels and is directly tied to Peel's annual budget process.

# How \$100 property tax dollars are spent



## Where the Peel dollars are spent

\$17.36	Police Services
\$4.95	Housing Support
\$4.34	Waste Management
\$4.11	Transportation
\$2.43	Paramedic Services
\$1.50	Seniors Services
\$1.20	Public Health
\$1.00	Conservation Authorities
\$0.87	Income Support
\$0.77	Capital Allocation
\$0.68	Early Years and Child Care
\$0.65	Information and Technology
\$0.63	Assessment Services
\$0.47	Community Investment
\$0.42	Business Services
\$0.23	Real Property and Asset Management
\$0.19	Legislative Services
\$0.17	Heritage, Arts and Culture
\$0.13	Land Use Planning
\$0.10	Regional Chair and Council

Peel Region is governed by Regional Council: a Regional Chair, 3 mayors and 21 elected councillors who make decisions on behalf of residents in Brampton, Caledon, and Mississauga.

We are committed to finding improvements and efficiencies to mitigate the increase to property taxes.

The 2023 Budget:

- Positions our regional services and resources to make positive and measurable impacts on Peel's communities.
- Balances the need to maintain core services, keep responding to COVID-19, protect the community, and ease costs on Peel's taxpayers.

For details on how property tax and utility dollars align with the the Peel Region budget, Strategic Plan and Council priorities, visit [peelregion.ca/budget](https://peelregion.ca/budget).



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