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Toronto's Industrial Water Rate

Manufacturing businesses that consume more than 6,000 cubic metres of water a year may be eligible for a lower water rate.

The City of Toronto's industrial water rate (also called the Block 2 water rate) is an initiative intended to support the growth of businesses using water for processing purposes and encourage water conservation.

The industrial water rate can result in significant savings. The 2014 industrial water rate is 30 per cent less than the general water rate (general water rate is \$2.9579 per m³; the industrial water rate is \$2.0705 per m³).

For example, in 2014, a business consuming 100,000 m³ could **save \$83,415.60**

<i>General Consumer</i>	<i>Industrial Water Rate Consumer</i>
100,000 x \$2.9579	6,000* x \$ 2.9579
= \$295,790	+ 94,000 x \$2.0705
	= \$212,374.40

**The general water rate is charged on the first 6,000 m³ for all customers.*

Getting started:

Contact the Toronto Water, Business & Customer Support team at 416-392-7000 or savewater@toronto.ca to confirm the business meets the following criteria:

- consumes more than 6,000 m³ of water annually
- is assessed as an "industrial" tax class
- does not have any outstanding Sewers Bylaw Notices of Violation and/or outstanding Pollution Prevention Plans

If above criteria are met, a water conservation plan must be prepared and submitted for approval. The business will begin to receive the industrial water rate effective the submission date of the completed water conservation plan, provided all other program conditions are met. Templates (outlining the need for information such as site information, facility water usage, identified water saving opportunities, implementation schedule and evaluation process) for the water conservation plan can be found at toronto.ca/waterforbusiness under Industrial Water Rate.

If the business is not eligible to receive the industrial water rate, the Toronto Water, Business & Customer Support team will provide feedback on what is needed to qualify.

For general information, call 311 or visit toronto.ca/waterforbusiness.

Save Water. Save Money. It's good business.