

Toronto **2015** **BUDGET**

Rate Supported Budgets

In addition to the tax-supported operating and capital budgets, the City of Toronto has three fee supported or rate supported programs: **Toronto Water, Solid Waste Management Services and Toronto Parking Authority.**

These programs are funded primarily by the user. For example, your water and garbage costs are calculated by how much water you use and the size of your garbage bin. In turn, the revenue collected from these user fees is used to pay for the services that are provided.

Annually, City staff put forward recommended operating and capital budgets for Toronto Water, Solid Waste Management Services and the Toronto Parking Authority. Through the City's budget process, the Mayor and City Council – with input from Toronto residents and businesses and advice from City staff – make decisions about user fees directly related to these three programs.

Toronto Water

Toronto Water manages one of the largest water and wastewater systems in North America, providing services 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In 2014, the average Toronto household paid \$2.27 per day for all drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services. This is among the lowest costs in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA). The revenue the City receives from residents and business goes towards continuous service delivery and the future needs of Toronto communities.

How your money is spent

Drinking water - Toronto Water treats and supplies approximately 454 billion litres of safe drinking water to 3.4 million residents and businesses annually.

Wastewater – Toronto Water collects and treats approximately 415 billion litres of wastewater (such as water from toilets, dishwashers and washing machines) every year.

Stormwater management – Toronto Water protects private property and the environment from stormwater runoff (rain and melted snow).

Maintenance and repair – Toronto Water repairs about 1,500 broken watermain each year, maintains and repairs about 5,900 km of watermain, 3,900 km of sanitary sewers, 4,900 km of storm sewers and 1,500 km of combined sewers. Toronto Water has four water treatment plants and four wastewater treatment plants.

Solid Waste Management Services

The provision of services and programs, repair and replacement of Solid Waste infrastructure, vehicles and equipment is funded largely through fee revenues. The volume-based rate revenue is used to fund 70% of Solid Waste's operating budget, with the remaining 30% funded through tipping fees at transfer stations, revenue from recyclable material and producer funding obligations.

How your money is spent

Solid Waste Management Services collects garbage, recyclables, organics, bulky items and yard waste from approximately one million residential homes and businesses. That number can be broken down into 461,300 single-unit homes (this includes 11,300 residential units above commercial), 422,000 multi-unit homes and 14,000 small commercial businesses. Solid Waste Management Services provides waste removal services for nearly 1,000 special events every year. Private commercial and industrial waste is also accepted at the City's transfer stations and landfill. Solid Waste Management Services also collects waste from the City's agencies, corporations, divisions and schools.

Typically, Solid Waste Management Services annually manages approximately 1 million tonnes of material, disposes of about 535,000 tonnes of residential garbage, and processes about 221,000 tonnes of recyclable material, 139,000 tonnes of source separated organics and about 131,000 tonnes of leaf and yard waste. The division also manages electronic and household hazardous waste programs, collects litter from public right-of-ways, maintains and collects from 8,000 street litter/recycling bins as well as 6,000 parks bins and ensures the perpetual care of 160 closed landfill sites.

Toronto Parking Authority

The Toronto Parking Authority (TPA), better known to residents as GreenP, is a self-sustaining and self financing agency of the City of Toronto. The TPA's mandate is to provide safe, attractive, self-sustaining, conveniently located and competitively priced off-street and on-street public parking as an integral component of Toronto's transportation system. The TPA is recognized as one of the largest municipal parking operators in North America.

Revenues generated from GreenP parking customers as well as rent generated from the leasing of retail/office space that is incorporated into a number of TPA garage facilities exceed the operating costs of the TPA. The result is a positive net contribution to the City of Toronto with 49 cents of every Green P parking revenue dollar earned returned back to the City by way of dividend and property taxes. The TPA's capital budget is also funded through revenues generated by user fees.

How your money is spent

Presently, the Toronto Parking Authority provides 22,000 off-street spaces in about 200 facilities, including 24 parking garages throughout the city. The TPA also manages approximately 19,000 on-street spaces controlled by solar powered pay-and-display machines or meters.

Besides its own facilities, the TPA operates a number of third party sites including 14,000 spaces for the Toronto Transit Commission, 1,100 spaces for Toronto Community Housing Corporation and about 2,000 seasonal spaces for the City of Toronto's Parks, Forestry and Recreation division, other real estate holdings of the City of Toronto and the Distillery District. The TPA now manages the Toronto Bike Share Program on behalf of the City which has 100 bikes in operation using 80 stations throughout the city.