



WATER SERVICES 2017 PRICE INCREASE: FIRE FLOW TESTS

Water Services completed a review of internal costs associated with conducting a fire flow test and have determined the current charge of \$305.00 per test does not reflect the current cost of completing this activity.

Effective July 24, 2017, the new fee for a fire flow test will be \$225.00 per hour. This applies to fire flow tests that are performed during scheduled work hours and do not require traffic set-ups from The City's Roads business unit. The average time required to complete a fire flow test is three hours and includes mobilization to site, equipment set-up, fire flow test, flushing to ensure drinking water quality is protected, site clean-up, and de-mobilization.

Fire flow tests that are conducted outside of scheduled work hours, either by request or due to their location on major thoroughfares, will be charged at a rate of \$400.00 per hour. If a traffic set-up is required for the test, additional charges will apply.

The following factors were considered in developing the 2017 rate:

- Hourly wages for required field staff
- Vehicle and equipment costs
- 10% administration charge
- GST

Water Services strives to complete work as efficiently and effectively as possible while maintaining drinking water quality and site safety. Individual circumstances may impact the time required to complete this activity.

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