

Environmental Programs

Water

In our industry, the majority of the water footprint is connected to the manufacturing of electronic components, rather than from the day-to-day operational delivery of telecommunications services.

Bell's direct activities have only a minor impact on water resources, as we mainly use water for drinking and sanitary functions, cleaning our fleet vehicles, and to cool buildings and server rooms.

Bell acknowledges that the availability of water is a growing concern in many communities around the world and that many of our suppliers face water stress, which could in turn affect the availability of electronics components.

We continually benchmark industry best practices for water governance programs, standards and initiatives. In 2016, we continued to improve our understanding of our water consumption across all sites. We performed water consumption audits for all owned and leased properties to identify the sites that consume the most water and we assess the feasibility of implementing viable reduction initiatives.

Water consumption by type (in m3)

	2016	2015
Office	695,003	595,294
Operations	832,909	619,114
Total	1,527,912	1,214,410

