

Equipment Costs (for local authorities)

Wherever possible, local authorities are expected to use their own equipment and resources to recover from a disaster rather than hiring external contractors. You do not have to notify Manitoba Emergency Management Organization (EMO) if you are using external contractors.

To streamline record-keeping, DFA provides assistance based on [Manitoba Heavy Construction Association \(MHCA\) rates](#). The formula is:

$$\boxed{\text{MHCA rate}} + \boxed{\text{Attachment rate}} - \boxed{\text{Regular operator wages}} \times \boxed{65\%} \times \boxed{\text{\# of hours of operation}}$$

If the equipment used is not listed in the MHCA equipment rate guide, the local authority may claim 65 per cent of the comparable rental rate in their local area. Typical equipment that is not listed includes pumps, steamers, and power take off (PTO) pumps. For PTO pumps, the local authority should claim the MHCA guide rate for the tractor used plus the attachment allowance based on the PTO rental rate in their local area.

Eligible expenses for local authority equipment include:

- Expenses for recovering from a disaster event using equipment such as graders, back-hoes, loaders, etc.
- Mobilization and hauling costs for equipment.
- Light duty trucks used to haul equipment, limited to the actual hours of operation for the truck.

Ineligible expenses for local authority equipment include:

- Stand-by equipment hours—also known as equipment “downtime.”
- Operating costs for fuel, oil (these are included in the MHCA rate).
- Regular staff time during regular working hours (overtime is eligible).

Record-keeping/audit — the use of local authority equipment must be tracked and documented on “timesheets” or “operator’s reports” to submit with the claim.

A dedicated liaison will be assigned to each local authority to answer claim questions and respond to local needs.