

STORMWATER UTILITY FEE



What is the Stormwater Utility?

In 1998, a Citizen's Stormwater Advisory Committee recommended that City Council create a stormwater utility to generate funds for stormwater facility maintenance, construction, and State and Federal Clean Water Quality mandates. Since that time, the Stormwater Utility has been created and the City Council has established fees. The Stormwater Utility is similar to water or wastewater utilities where a fee is charged for a service. The service of the Stormwater Utility is to handle the customers' stormwater runoff. Stormwater runoff is generated by rain or snowmelt.

How much is the Fee and what is it for?

These fees will pay for minimal maintenance of existing facilities and Clean Water Act compliance. The Clean Water Act is a Federal law that regulates stormwater quality, protecting our streams and rivers. Future capital improvement projects may be funded through bonds to be repaid by the fee.

The monthly fee rate is \$0.001821 per square foot of impervious surface.

That's less than 1 penny!



To determine your total fee, the rate is multiplied by the area of impervious surface on your property.

What is impervious surface?

"Impervious surface" means manmade surfaces or covers on or in real property that have decreased the rate of stormwater infiltration into the earth. Some examples of impervious surface are buildings, driveways, patios, sidewalks, parking lots or other hard surfaces.

Satellite imagery was used to determine and calculate impervious areas.

Please contact the City, 719-269-9011, with any questions or concerns you may have with regards to:

- ❖ Impervious Surface Determinations- Glenda DeBekker, Stormwater Technician
- ❖ Fee Rate Calculations & Billing- Utility Billing, Finance Department
- ❖ Stormwater Quality and Projects- Adam Lancaster, City Engineer
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