



STORMWATER UTILITY FUNDING

The stormwater utility fee is based on the area of impervious surface* on each parcel. The fee is higher for property with greater impervious surface areas since this property contributes more stormwater loading. Although the fee is a cost to property owners, it is not a tax on the value of the property.

All developed properties contribute to the City’s need to manage stormwater. All property owners, including churches and tax-exempt properties, share in the cost of the Utility. Partial exemptions are given for low-income senior and disabled persons receiving relief under RCW 84.36.381.

Single-family homes, duplexes and triplexes are charged a flat fee per unit per year, which is based on the calculated average of 3,160 square feet of impervious surfacing per unit. Other properties are charged based on the amount of impervious surface on the property. The annual stormwater fee is calculated as follows:

DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL FEE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Single-family homes ▪ Duplexes ▪ Triplexes ▪ Fourplexes 	\$21 per unit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commercial ▪ Industrial ▪ Business ▪ Recreation Centers ▪ Churches 	\$21 per 3,160 square feet of <u>impervious surface</u> *

** Impervious surface: a hard surface area, which either prevents or retards the entry of water into the soil mantle as under natural conditions prior to development, and/or a hard surface area which causes water to run off the surface in greater quantities or at an increased rate of flow different than the natural conditions prior to development.*

Common examples of impervious surfaces include: rooftops, walkways, patios, driveways, paved parking lots or storage areas, concrete or asphalt paving, gravel roads, packed earthen materials, and oiled surfaces which similarly impede the natural infiltration of stormwater.

For further questions about the Stormwater Fee, contact us at 720-5000.