

Changes to Stormwater Fees

During recent years, the City of Asheville has experienced an increase in significant rain fall events. This damage indicates that the City needed to increase stormwater maintenance, engineering analysis and construction improvements.

Single Family Property Owners

With assistance from a consultant, staff evaluated the stormwater utility fee. Single family property owners were paying an annual fee of \$28.08. Based on the evaluation, the consultant recommended an increase in the utility fee in order to make necessary improvements to the public maintained system.

A tiered fee system has now been established for single family residential properties:

Tier	Impervious Surface (sf)	Monthly Fee	Annual Fee
I	225 – 2000	\$2.50	\$30.00
II	2001 – 4000	\$4.00	\$48.00
III	>4001	\$5.50	\$66.00

This new stormwater utility fee tier structure will become effective on September 1, 2014.

Non-Single Family Property Owners

Starting July 1, 2014 non-single family stormwater utility fee changed. Prior to July 1, 2014 the fee was \$2.34 per month per equivalent residential unit (ERU) of impervious surface. Starting July 1, 2014, the fee for 1 ERU is \$4.00 per month. An ERU is the amount of impervious surface (rooftops, walkways, patios, driveways, parking lots, etc.) on the property. It is measured in square feet on a typical, single-family property in Asheville. One ERU equals 2,442 square feet of impervious surface.

See [Storm Water Services' Rate Structure](#)

The city plans to utilize the revenues associated with this increase toward performing more preventative maintenance activities which includes ditching and pipe replacement on our existing infrastructure, performing more watershed assessments to prioritize areas for localized flood reduction and water quality improvements, installation of new drainage structures through contract services, and the revenues will allow us to have the matching funds to qualify for financial assistance in order to complete larger flood reduction projects through our ongoing partnership with the Corps of Engineers within the Swannanoa River Valley.

If you have any questions, please call 828-251-1122.

