



Storm Water Fee



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS STORM WATER RUNOFF?

Storm water runoff is natural precipitation, such as rainwater, snowmelt, or surface drainage that cannot infiltrate into the ground and consequently runs off to the nearest conveyance (storm pipes, curb and gutters, channels) and into our bays, creeks, and gulf waters.

WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO PREVENT?

Storm water runoff picks up pollutants such as garbage, oil, gasoline, fertilizers, pesticides, pet waste, sediment, and anything else that can float, dissolve, or be swept along by the moving water. If polluted storm water is left untreated, it can reach nearby streams to harm and even kill aquatic life.

A helpful rule of thumb is only rain down the storm drain!



WHAT IS AN IMPERVIOUS SURFACE AREA?

"Impervious Area" or "Impervious Surface" is a surface that has become compacted or covered with a layer of material so that it is highly resistant to infiltration by water. Impervious Areas include, but are not limited to, compacted soils, graveled surfaces subject to motorized vehicular traffic, walkways, buildings, parking lots, pavement, and ingress/ egress driveways. This does not include sidewalks located in the public right-of-way.



HOW ARE STORM WATER FEES CALCULATED?

Corpus Christi’s Municipal Drainage fee, commonly known as the Storm Water Fee, is based on an Intensity Development Factor on each property that results in the impervious area of said property. For non-residential, the impervious area is converted to an Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). Each ERU is equivalent to 3,280 square feet of impervious area.



RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS		
TIER	DETAILS	RATE
1	< 3,000 sq ft of Impervious Area	\$4.59/mo
2	3,000 - 4,500 sq ft of Impervious Area	\$6.12/mo
3	> 4,500 sq ft of Impervious Area	\$10.71/mo

Single-family residential properties are assigned to one of three (3) tiers based on the impervious area of the entire lot. Tier 1 will include properties with an impervious area less than 3,000 SF in size. Tier 2 will consist of lots between 3,000 – 4,500 SF of impervious area. Tier 3 will include buildings larger than 4,500 SF of impervious area. For Fiscal Year 2022, the proposed monthly residential storm water fee for each dwelling unit located on a Tier 1 property will be \$4.59 per month, Tier 2 will be \$6.12, and Tier 3 will be \$10.71.

NON-RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS
No tiers; fee-based on lot size, the intensity of use, and amount of impervious area
\$6.12/per each ERU*
<small>*ERU(EQUIVALENT RESIDENTIAL UNIT) - 3,280 SQ FT OF IMPERVIOUS AREA</small>

The fee for non-residential properties (including commercial, industrial, institutional, governmental, and multi-family properties) is calculated individually for each property using the intensity development factor and lot size. The impervious area is then converted to ERU’s. Where there are multiple tenants, the fee for a non-residential property will be billed to the utility bill account or accounts associated to that parcel.

HOW WILL RESIDENTS KNOW WHAT TIER THEY ARE IN?

The City is developing an interactive map for customers to obtain storm water fee information for their property. For now, residents can call (361) 561-1100 or email stormwaterfee@cctexas.com for more information.



WHO WOULD PAY THE STORM WATER UTILITY FEE?

The storm water fee will be applicable to developed properties within the City limits and will be included with the monthly utility bill. If the owner of a property normally pays for utility services on a property, the storm water fee will be sent to the owner for payment. If an occupant, or tenant, of the property is responsible for payment of utilities, the City considers the occupant or tenant to be responsible for payment of the storm water fee.

However, the owner of non-residential properties will be expected to pay the storm water fee if that property has been vacated by a tenant.



HOW WILL PROPERTIES THAT DO NOT HAVE A WATER METER BE BILLED?

The storm water fee for developed properties with an impervious area but no water account (meter) will be billed to the owner as a storm water-only account.

WHAT DOES THE STORM WATER FEE PAY FOR?

The storm water fee helps operate and maintain over 600 miles of channels and nearly 700 miles of storm drains that funnel water out of our city. The fee also helps clean litter that accumulates on our streets with Strep Sweepers and helps fund and operate numerous storm water programs. Those programs include

- Channel and ditch maintenance
- Stormwater main and inlet cleaning
- Pump station operation and maintenance
- Inlet basket cleaning
- Street sweeping
- Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit compliance
- Water Quality
- Stormwater infrastructure repair and replacement
- Flood control

IF IT DOESN'T RAIN, DO I STILL NEED TO PAY A STORM WATER FEE?

Yes. The stormwater fee funds ongoing maintenance and improvements to the drainage infrastructure. These items are not affected by the amount of rain.

Fee calculations for residential and non-residential properties can be reviewed for accuracy by City staff. A customer can provide the City with additional information about the impervious area from land surveyors or other documents. Forms will be available at the Utility Business Office, Public Works Department, and on the Storm Water Fee website.

For more information, visit the [Storm Water Fee webpage](#).