



How much will my stormwater utility rate be?

An Equivalent Service Unit (ESU) is defined as 3,700 square feet of impervious surface (average for a single-family dwelling). The 2019 monthly stormwater rate is \$5.30 for a single-family dwelling.

For other developed parcels, multifamily, industrial and commercial, the stormwater rate is based on the parcel's total impervious surface area. The total impervious surface area divided by 3,700 SF (one ESU) provides the number of ESU's associated with a parcel. For example:

$$6,882 \text{ SF Impervious Surfaces} \div 3700 \text{ SF per ESU} = 1.86 \text{ ESU}$$

$$1.86 \text{ ESU} \times \$5.30 \text{ per ESU} = \$9.86 \text{ monthly stormwater charge}$$

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GRANTS PASS STORMWATER UTILITY



What is the Grants Pass stormwater utility?

The stormwater utility is designed to manage runoff moving through the City landscape. Hard or impervious surfaces, such as roads and rooftops, prevent rainwater from naturally permeating into the ground. Runoff that is not managed can contribute to flooding, water pollution, and stream bank erosion.

The City uses stormwater infrastructure to capture and convey runoff to natural waterways. Stormwater infrastructure includes culverts, ditches, curbs, piping, manholes, vegetated swales, and detention ponds.

Why is there a stormwater utility fee?

Stormwater utility fees go directly toward the installation, maintenance, improvement, repair, and operation of the City stormwater infrastructure. Benefits of the stormwater utility include:

- Reduction of flooding and damage to properties
- Meeting federal requirements for municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) Phase II permit requirements
- Reducing sediment transport into creeks and rivers, and limiting the introduction of pollutants into surface waters
- Water quality improvement
- Protecting aquatic life from contaminants



What are stormwater fees used for?

- Construction and maintenance of stormwater infrastructure receiving rainfall runoff from nearly 27,000 acres
- Improvements to and maintenance of the following (publicly owned)
 - Over 138 miles of underground piping
 - 5,300 catch basins
 - Stormwater detention facilities
- Street sweeping
- Reducing the quantity and improving the quality of the stormwater drain system to creeks and the Rogue River