

## How Fees Are Used...

**Wastewater** fees support the regional wastewater program's purpose of protecting public health and safety and the environment. The regional wastewater fees are necessary to fund operation and maintenance of the existing wastewater treatment facilities and implement capital improvement projects that help meet new, more stringent regulatory requirements.

Springfield's local wastewater fees are necessary to fund current operating service levels and capital improvements. Springfield is committed to funding pipe rehabilitation and replacement to reduce the amount of water entering the collection system during wet weather periods.

## 13 to 15 billion gallons of wastewater treated each year...

**Stormwater** fees are necessary to fund Springfield's federally required stormwater management program which includes:

- Cleaning & maintaining 6,250 catch basins
- Sweeping 6,000 miles of paved streets
- Maintaining stormwater features such as ponds, swales, and wetlands
- Public education programs: Clean Water Gardens, Clean Water University, Clean Water Business (auto shops), Fish-Friendly Car Wash Kits, and more!



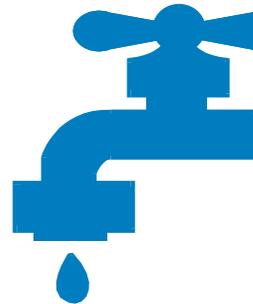
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# Stormwater & Wastewater Services



Stormwater: rain & runoff that flows directly from storm drains to waterways. **It is not treated!**



Wastewater: water from buildings (laundry, sink, dishwasher, toilet) **is treated** at the wastewater treatment plant before it is discharged into waterways.

**City Fees on SUB Bill.** The City of Springfield adopts and administers the stormwater and wastewater service fee. SUB has no relationship with the City's wastewater or stormwater system operation or rates and acts only as the City's billing agent. For sewer billing questions, please call the City of Springfield at (541) 726-3696.

## City of Springfield User Fee Annual Rate Notification

541-726-3696

July 2013

# Wastewater

Wastewater fees are billed to all users connected to the Eugene/Springfield Regional Water Pollution Control Facility. (Springfield Code 4.204). Customers pay a combined fee which includes: A basic Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission (MWMC) charge of \$11.68 per month; and a flow-based fee, calculated on the amount of water used and customer category. The flow-based fee is the combination of City of Springfield and MWMC wastewater service rates per unit (748 gallons) of water used.

Springfield provides local wastewater collection services, and the MWMC operates the Regional Wastewater Treatment Facilities. MWMC approved a 3% rate increase in regional fees, and the City Council also approved a 3% increase in local fees, effective on bills issued on and after July 1, 2013.

Wastewater Monthly Fee Schedule						
Wastewater Flow-Based Fee (per unit – 748 gallons)						
	Residential Customer	Commercial/Industrial Customers				
		Low Strength 400*	Medium Strength 800*	High Strength 1200*	Very High Strength 1600*	Super High Strength Over 1600*
MWMC	\$1.738	\$2.336	\$3.404	\$4.829	\$6.259	\$7.686
City of Springfield	\$3.085	\$3.085	\$3.085	\$3.085	\$3.085	\$3.085
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4.823</b>	<b>\$5.421</b>	<b>\$6.489</b>	<b>\$7.914</b>	<b>\$9.344</b>	<b>\$10.771</b>
* Average total biological oxygen demand and suspended solids in milligrams per liter (mg/L)						
<b>Base Charge:</b> A regional (MWMC) monthly base charge of \$11.68 is also applied to each account.						

# Wastewater Bills Vary Summer to Winter

The flow portion of your wastewater bill is based on units of water consumed. One unit equals 748 gallons. Flow fees are determined from water meter readings during the winter months (December through April). May through November bills are based on the average of the winter usage or actual usage, whichever is less. For accounts with fewer than three months usage, bills are based on seven (7) units or actual usage, whichever is less.



# Stormwater

The City's stormwater system conveys storm runoff from streets and properties through pipes and open waterways to the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers.

Underground pipes and catch basins, open waterways, ponds and wetlands are constructed and maintained to protect against flooding and system backups. Federal Clean Water Act requirements dictate that the City manage stormwater programs and infrastructure to minimize stormwater pollution through improved construction and maintenance practices, pollution prevention education, regulations, and improved stormwater facilities.

Local stormwater fees enable the City to provide the necessary stormwater infrastructure and services. All properties in the City of Springfield are charged stormwater fees (Springfield Code 4.204).

Stormwater Monthly Fee Schedule					
<b>*Residential:</b> \$12.62					
<b>**Commercial</b>	Very Heavy >70%	Heavy 40-70%	Moderate 20-39%	Light <20%	None 0%
Per 1000 sq ft of Property	\$3.666	\$2.750	\$1.834	\$1.466	\$0.000
Base Rate	\$1.456	\$1.456	\$1.456	\$1.456	\$1.456
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5.122</b>	<b>\$4.206</b>	<b>\$3.290</b>	<b>\$2.922</b>	<b>\$1.456</b>
*Includes Single Family Residential and Duplex Households					
**Commercial based on percentage of property development (impervious area)					

# Stormwater Facilities Master Plan

In October 2008, the Springfield City Council adopted the Stormwater Facility Master Plan. The plan identifies capital improvement projects needed to reduce drainage problems throughout the City, improve the quality of stormwater entering the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers, and meet the needs of our growing community. The Springfield City Council approved a 4% stormwater rate increase to support the capital projects identified in the Stormwater Facility Master Plan.

