

How Fees Are Used

Wastewater fees support the regional wastewater program's purpose of protecting our community's health, safety, and local environment including the Willamette River - an important recreational asset. Regional wastewater fees provide necessary funding to operate and maintain existing wastewater treatment facilities and fulfill capital improvement projects that help meet new, more stringent, regulatory requirements.

Springfield's local wastewater fees fund current operations and capital improvements. Springfield is focused on 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 is treated each year by the MWMC.

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

- Cleaning and maintaining more than 200 miles of stormwater pipeline and 6,500 catch basins.
- Sweeping 6,000 miles of paved streets.
- Maintaining natural and urban water quality facilities such as ponds, swales, catch basins, and wetlands.
- Providing public education programs including Clean Water Gardens, Clean Water University, Clean Water Business (auto shops), Fish-Friendly Car Wash Kits, and more!



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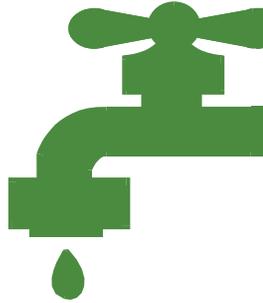
City Fees on SUB Bill

The City of Springfield adopts and administers the wastewater (sewer) and stormwater (drainage) service fees. 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 wastewater and stormwater billing questions, please call the City of Springfield at 541.726.3696.

Wastewater & Stormwater Services

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



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

City of Springfield User Fee Annual Rate Notification

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Wastewater

Wastewater fees are billed to all users connected to the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. (Springfield Code 4.204). Customers pay a combined fee: a base Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission (MWMC) charge of \$12.33 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 the 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. The MWMC approved a 2% rate increase in regional fees, and the City Council approved a 2.5% increase in local fees, effective on bills issued on and after July 1, 2015.

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	\$1.835	\$2.466	\$3.593	\$5.098	\$6.608	\$8.114
City of Springfield	\$3.257	\$3.257	\$3.257	\$3.257	\$3.257	\$3.257
Total	\$5.092	\$5.723	\$6.850	\$8.355	\$9.865	\$11.371
*Average total biological oxygen demand and suspended solids in milligrams per liter (mg/L)						
Base Charge: a regional (MWMC) monthly base charge of \$12.33 is 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					
*Residential: \$13.61					
**Commercial	Very Heavy >70%	Heavy 41-70%	Moderate 20-40%	Light <20%	Undeveloped 0%
Base Fee per 1,000 sq ft	\$1.581	\$1.581	\$1.581	\$1.581	\$0.000
Impact Fee per 1,000 sq ft	\$2.373	\$1.384	\$0.397	\$0.000	\$0.000
Total Rate per 1,000 sq ft	\$3.954	\$2.965	\$1.978	\$1.581	\$0.000

*Residential includes single family residential and duplex households
 **Commercial is based on percentage of property development (impervious surface)
 ***In addition to the total Commercial rate displayed above, an Administrative Fee of \$1.570 per account is applied

Stormwater Facilities Master Plan

The Springfield City Council adopted the Stormwater Facility Master Plan, which 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 3.7% stormwater rate increase to support capital projects identified in the Stormwater Facility Master Plan.

