

# Stormwater Services

**Stormwater** is rain and runoff that flows over hard surfaces directly into storm drains and to waterways.



As our City grows, natural areas are covered by hard surfaces that do not allow rain to soak into the ground. Underground pipes and catch basins, along with stormwater facilities, are built to prevent flooding and filter pollutants from stormwater.

Fees fund Springfield's State-required stormwater management program that includes construction and maintenance of the system, such as:

- Cleaning and maintaining more than 200 miles of stormwater pipelines and 6,500 catch basins
- Sweeping 6,000 miles of paved streets
- Maintaining and inspecting water quality facilities such as ponds, swales, and rain gardens
- Addressing illicit stormwater discharges
- Providing community education programs

## Improving Water Quality

Stormwater runoff picks up everything on the ground from pet waste to motor oil and carries those pollutants directly to local waterways. Proper management improves the quality of stormwater entering the McKenzie and Willamette rivers, for better recreational opportunities and a healthier environment. Learn more at [springfieldstreams.org](http://springfieldstreams.org).



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**Stormwater charges** are assessed on all properties in the City of Springfield (Springfield Code 4.204). The Springfield City Council approved a 2.5% stormwater rate change to fund stormwater capital projects and programs, effective on bills issued on and after July 1, 2022.

## Stormwater Monthly Fee Schedule

<b>*Residential: \$16.00</b>					
<b>**Commercial</b>	Very Heavy >70%	Heavy 41-70%	Moderate 20-40%	Light <20%	Undeveloped 0%
Base Fee per 1,000 sq ft	\$1.859	\$1.859	\$1.859	\$1.859	\$0.000
Impact fee per 1,000 sq ft	\$2.792	\$1.628	\$0.467	\$0.000	\$0.000
<b>Total Rate per 1,000 sq ft</b>	<b>\$4.651</b>	<b>\$3.487</b>	<b>\$2.327</b>	<b>\$1.859</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>

\*Residential includes single unit residential and duplex households.

\*\*Commercial is based on percentage of property development (impervious surface).

\*\*\*In addition to the total Commercial rate above, an Administrator Fee of \$1.847 per account is applied monthly.

# Wastewater & Stormwater Services



## City of Springfield Annual Rate Notification

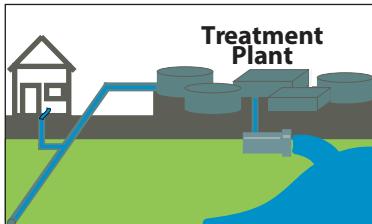


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# Wastewater Services

**Wastewater** is water from inside buildings (sinks, toilets, etc.) that is cleaned at the wastewater treatment plant before being returned to the Willamette River.



**Local (City of Springfield)** wastewater fees help collect and transport wastewater from homes and businesses to the regional wastewater treatment plant. **Regional (Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission or MWMC)** fees support the cleaning of wastewater at the treatment plant, operated by the MWMC.

Wastewater fees are billed to users connected to the regional wastewater treatment plant (Springfield Code 4.204). Wastewater fees fund:

- Capital planning and construction of facilities
- Operation and maintenance of pipelines, pump stations, and wastewater treatment equipment
- Industrial Pretreatment oversight of commercial and industrial users
- Water quality monitoring and testing
- Community outreach, including facility tours

## Wastewater Master Plan

The City of Springfield is embarking on a project to update its Wastewater Master Plan. Through this work, the City will identify needed improvements to the local wastewater system, based on current conditions and anticipated growth over the next 20 years. To learn more and provide input on the project, visit [bit.ly/spfldwwmp](http://bit.ly/spfldwwmp).

## We Clean Water 24/7/365

The MWMC's regional wastewater treatment plant is located on River Avenue in Eugene. The treatment plant and pump stations operate around the clock to collect and treat wastewater from homes, businesses, and industries before returning the cleaned water to the Willamette River. Roughly 12 billion gallons of wastewater are cleaned every year.



## Your Wastewater Bill Varies Seasonally

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 from December through April. From 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.

Did you know?

### Why are City fees on my SUB bill?

The City of Springfield adopts and administers the wastewater and stormwater service fees. SUB has no relationship with the City's wastewater or stormwater system operation rates and acts only as the City's billing agent. **For wastewater and stormwater billing questions, please call:**

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[mwmcpartners.org](http://mwmcpartners.org)

## Wastewater Monthly Fee Schedule

Wastewater Flow-Based Fee (per unit - 748 gallons)						
	Residential Customers	Commercial/Industrial Customers				
		Low Strength 400*	Medium Strength 800*	High Strength 1200*	Very High Strength 1600*	Super High Strength Over 1600*
MWMC	\$2.160	\$2.901	\$4.227	\$5.999	\$7.775	\$9.547
City of Springfield	\$3.795	\$3.795	\$3.795	\$3.795	\$3.795	\$3.795
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5.955</b>	<b>\$6.696</b>	<b>\$8.022</b>	<b>\$9.794</b>	<b>\$11.570</b>	<b>\$13.342</b>

\*Average total biochemical oxygen demand and suspended solids in milligrams per liter (mg/L)

Base charge: A regional (MWMC) monthly base charge of \$14.51 is applied to each account.