

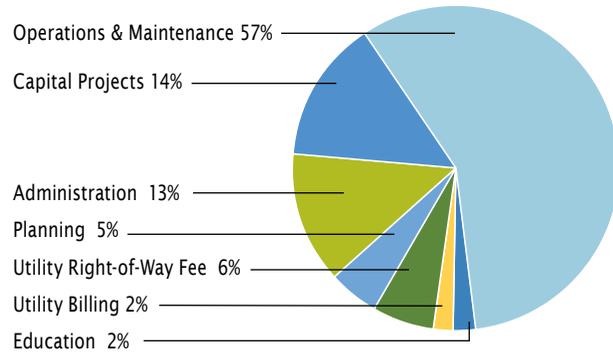
# Stormwater fees

**Developed properties in Eugene pay stormwater fees to support services that improve water quality, flood protection and healthy habitat for fish and wildlife.**

The stormwater system includes pipes and other constructed features such as catch basins and curb inlets as well as green infrastructure, a combination of constructed and natural features such as planters, swales, wetlands, streams, rivers, and open channels. Rainwater that does not soak into the ground runs off the land and is conveyed by the stormwater system to local area waterways such as Amazon Creek and the Willamette River.

Beginning in September 2016, stormwater rates will increase by 7.5 percent or \$0.96 for a typical residential customer. The increase is needed to continue to improve water quality, protect public health and safety, enhance fish and wildlife habitat, maintain a growing inventory of green infrastructure, and meet the other objectives of Eugene's stormwater program. For the latest information about stormwater user fees, go to: [www.eugene-or.gov/swfees](http://www.eugene-or.gov/swfees)

## Use of Stormwater Fees



**Total Stormwater Budget = \$17,884,294 (FY17)**

## Stormwater Monthly Fee Schedule\* (effective September 1, 2016)

Fees for residential stormwater customers are based on the size of the building footprint. Footprint is the combined square footage of the garage/carport and the first floor of the home.

User Category <sup>1</sup>	Small Residential <sup>2</sup>	Medium Residential <sup>3</sup>	Large Residential <sup>4</sup>	Commercial/Industrial
Rate Components:				
Impervious Surface	\$7.04	\$11.34	\$3.91 per 1,000 sf	\$3.91 per 1,000 sf
Street-Related	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.38 per 1,000 sf
Administrative (per account)	\$0.58	\$0.58	\$1.82	\$1.82
<b>Total Monthly Fee</b>	<b>\$9.57</b>	<b>\$13.87</b>	<b>Varies</b>	<b>Varies</b>

Users may qualify for reduced stormwater fees if the quantity of stormwater discharge to the public system is reduced or the quality impact is reduced through on-site stormwater treatment.

<sup>1</sup> Duplex rates are modified, based on the building footprint and building configuration

<sup>2</sup> Building footprint is equal to or less than 1,000 square feet (sf).

<sup>3</sup> Building footprint is greater than 1,000 sf and less than 3,000 sf.

<sup>4</sup> Building footprint is 3,000 sf or greater

\* updated 7/25/2016

## How Stormwater Fees are Used

- ◆ Maintain and repair more than 600 miles of stormwater pipes and waterways
- ◆ Clean over 15,000 catch basins and curb inlets
- ◆ Collect and recycle over 18,000 cubic yards of leaves each year
- ◆ Eliminate illegal connections and discharges
- ◆ Sweep more than 40,000 curb miles of streets each year
- ◆ Provide stormwater education to 3,000 students each year
- ◆ Protect, restore, and maintain streams, rivers, and wetlands
- ◆ Plant over 600 trees along local streams and rivers each year
- ◆ Remove garbage from streams and the banks of the Willamette River
- ◆ Improve how rainfall runoff is managed in developed areas through system retrofits
- ◆ Replace public drywells to protect groundwater quality
- ◆ Administer clean water regulations for construction sites, industries, and new development
- ◆ Plant, preserve, and maintain street trees and median vegetation
- ◆ Monitor water quality in our local waterways through sampling and data analysis



Stormwater runoff drains from the land and flows through the public system directly to Amazon Creek and the Willamette River. Some stormwater runoff is treated by features such as planters, swales, or mechanical devices.

## City Fees on EWEB Bill

The City of Eugene adopts and administers the stormwater and wastewater service fees. EWEB has no relationship with the City's wastewater or stormwater system operation or rates and acts only as the City's billing agent.

## For more information

### Stormwater and Wastewater Fees:

Public Works Administration  
Utility Administration Office, 541-682-4900

### Stormwater Programs and Services:

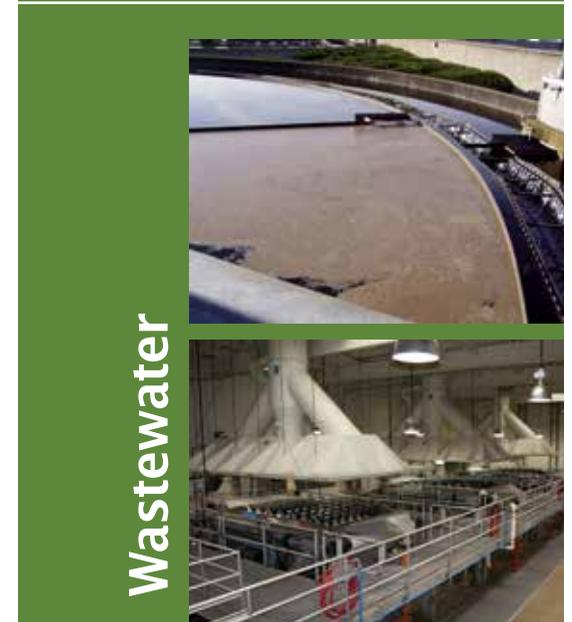
Stormwater Public Education and Outreach, 541-682-2739  
Stormwater Maintenance Services, 541-682-4800

### Wastewater Services and Programs:

Local Wastewater/Stormwater Systems  
Public Works Maintenance, 541-682-4800  
Regional Wastewater System and Treatment  
Public Works Wastewater, 541-682-8600



Stormwater



Wastewater



**User Fees**  
updated July 2016

City of Eugene Public Works  
101 E Broadway, Suite 400  
Eugene OR 97401  
[eugene-or.gov](http://eugene-or.gov)

## Wastewater fees

All properties connected to the public wastewater system pay wastewater fees. Eugene provides local wastewater collection services, and the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission (MWMC), a partnership of Lane County and the cities of Eugene and Springfield, operates the regional wastewater collection and treatment facilities.

The MWMC approved a two percent increase in regional rates, and the City Manager proposed a four percent increase in local rates, effective on bills issued on and after July 1, 2016. For a typical residential customer, this equates to a monthly increase of about \$0.90. For more information about wastewater user fees, go to: [www.eugene-or.gov/wwfees](http://www.eugene-or.gov/wwfees)

The MWMC regional partnership has successfully protected public health and safety and the environment by providing high-quality wastewater management services to the Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area for over 30 years. MWMC's regional wastewater rate increase is necessary to fund operation and maintenance of the existing wastewater treatment facilities and implement planned capital improvement projects. The regional wastewater facilities were designed in the late 1970s to serve the community for 20 years. Since the adoption of the 2004 Facilities Plan, MWMC has made improvements in the regional facilities to provide capacity for community growth, avoid overflows caused by rainy weather, and meet new, more stringent regulatory requirements to protect the Willamette River. For more information go to [www.mwmcpartners.org](http://www.mwmcpartners.org)

Eugene maintains and operates the local system, the regional wastewater treatment plant and other regional facilities. The primary focus is maintenance of the collection system prior to resurfacing existing roadways above the pipes in the ground. Capital improvements are funded to reduce the amount of stormwater entering the collection system during peak wet weather periods.

### Wastewater service fees are billed to all users connected to the Eugene/Springfield wastewater collection and treatment facilities. (Eugene Code 6.401-6.471)

Customers pay a combined fee which includes:

- ◆ A basic MWMC (regional) charge of \$12.58 per month
- ◆ A flow-based fee, calculated on the amount of water used and customer category.

The flow-based fee is the combination of City of Eugene and MWMC (regional) wastewater service rates per 1,000 gallons (1 kgal) of water used. Customer categories are based upon the strength and characteristics of wastewater discharged to the public sewer system.

### Wastewater Bills Vary Summer to Winter

Eugene uses a flow-based averaging procedure that acknowledges that some of the water used during summer months (May – November) may not enter the wastewater system. Wastewater charges for these months are based on the previous winter's average monthly use or on the actual water used, whichever is less. Wastewater charges on bills issued during the winter months (December – April) are based on actual water meter readings.



MWMC treatment plant on River Avenue

### Wastewater Flow-Based Fee (per 1,000 gallons) (effective July 1, 2016)

Service Category	Residential	Commercial/Industrial Customers				
		Low Strength 400*	Medium Strength 800*	High Strength 1,200*	Very High Strength 1,600*	Super High Strength > 1,600*
MWMC (regional)	\$2.502	\$3.363	\$4.900	\$6.952	\$9.011	\$11.065
City of Eugene (local)	\$2.174	\$2.174	\$2.174	\$2.174	\$2.174	\$2.174
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4.676</b>	<b>\$5.537</b>	<b>\$7.074</b>	<b>\$9.126</b>	<b>\$11.185</b>	<b>\$13.239</b>

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

### Typical Residential Monthly Bill

(assumes 5,000 gallons monthly usage)

Basic Charge (MWMC): \$12.58

Flow-Based Fee (MWMC): \$12.51 (\$2.502 x 5 kgal)

**Total Regional Fee: \$25.09**

Flow-Based Fee (City): \$10.87 (\$2.174 x 5 kgal)

**Total Monthly Fee: \$35.96**



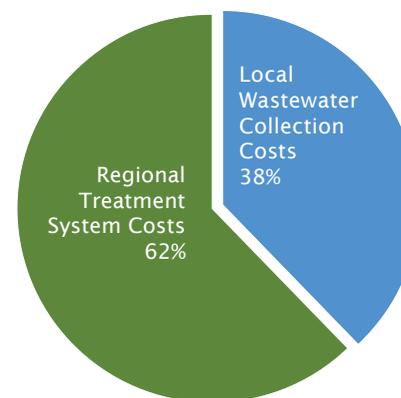
Wastewater from building plumbing (laundry, sink, toilet, bath) is collected and conveyed to the regional facility where it is treated using physical, biological, and chemical processes. The final processed clean water is discharged to the Willamette River.

### How Wastewater Fees are Used

Local and regional wastewater fees pay for the collection and conveyance of wastewater and for the operation and maintenance of wastewater treatment facilities.

- ◆ Maintain more than 800 miles of wastewater lines
- ◆ Operate and maintain 30 pump stations (26 local, 4 regional)
- ◆ Inspect/clean almost 390 miles of wastewater lines per year
- ◆ Invest in capital improvements
- ◆ Treat 12 billion gallons of wastewater per year
- ◆ Conduct more than 25,000 water quality tests
- ◆ Process 2,000 dry tons of biosolids per year
- ◆ Meet water quality regulations to protect the environment

### Use of Wastewater Fees



**Total Local and Regional Wastewater Proposed Budget = \$30,427,601 (FY17)**