

Stormwater fees

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

The stormwater system includes over 600 miles of enclosed pipes and other constructed features such as catch basins, curb inlets and over 300 “green infrastructure” facilities, a combination of constructed and natural vegetated 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.

The City of Eugene is not proposing a rate increase this year. For the latest information about stormwater user fees, go to: eugene-or.gov/swfees

How stormwater fees are used every year:

- ◆ Clean over 8,000 catch basins and curb inlets
- ◆ Collect and recycle over 12,000 cubic yards of leaves
- ◆ Eliminate illegal discharges and spills into the stormwater system
- ◆ Sweep more than 40,000 curb miles of streets
- ◆ Provide stormwater education to over 2,900 students
- ◆ Protect, restore, and maintain streams, rivers, and wetlands
- ◆ Plant over 600 trees along local streams and rivers
- ◆ Remove garbage from streams and the banks of the Willamette River
- ◆ Improve rainfall runoff management in developed areas
- ◆ 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 Monthly Fee Schedule (effective July 1, 2018)

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 ¹	Small Residential ²	Medium Residential ³	Large Residential ⁴	Commercial/Industrial
Rate Components:				
Impervious Surface	\$7.61	\$12.27	\$4.23 per 1,000 sf	\$4.23 per 1,000 sf
Street-Related	\$2.11	\$2.11	\$2.11	\$1.50 per 1,000 sf
Administrative (per account)	\$0.62	\$0.62	\$1.97	\$1.97
Total Monthly Fee	\$10.34	\$15.00	Varies	Varies

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.

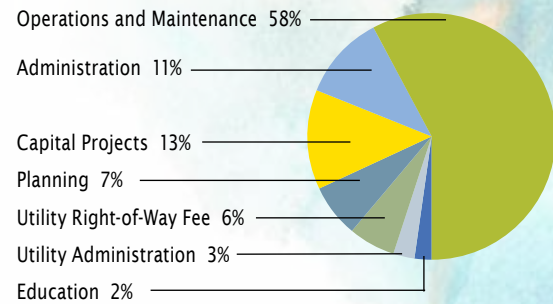
¹ Duplex rates are modified, based on the building footprint and building configuration

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

³ Building footprint is greater than 1,000 sf and less than 3,000 sf.

⁴ Building footprint is 3,000 sf or greater

Use of Stormwater Fees



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 acts only as the City's billing agent per City Charter.



For More Information

Stormwater and Wastewater Fees

Utility Administration Office: 541-682-4900

Stormwater Programs and Services

Stormwater Public Education and Outreach: 541-682-2739

System Maintenance and to Report a Spill: 541-682-4800

Wastewater Programs and Services

Local Wastewater Collection System Maintenance:
541-682-4800

Regional Wastewater Treatment Facilities and
Services: 541-682-8600

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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 2% increase in regional rates, and the City Manager proposed a 4% increase in local rates, effective on bills issued on and after July 1, 2019. For a typical residential customer, this equates to a monthly increase of about \$1.00. For more information about wastewater user fees, go to: eugene-or.gov/wwfees

The MWMC regional partnership has successfully protected public health 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. Construction of the original regional wastewater facilities was completed in the early 1980s to serve the community for 20 years. Since the adoption of the 2004 Facilities Plan, MWMC has made facility improvements to provide capacity for community growth, avoid overflows caused by rainy weather, and meet new regulatory requirements to protect the Willamette River. For more information go to: mwmcpartners.org

Eugene maintains and operates the local system, the regional wastewater treatment plant and other regional facilities. A high level of attention is given to 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 wastewater collection system.

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 \$13.55 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.

Typical Residential Monthly Bill (assumes 5,000 gallons monthly usage)

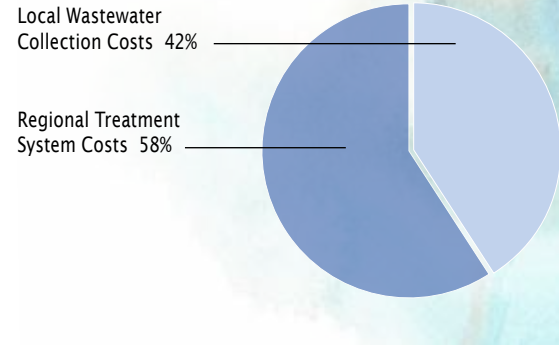
Basic Charge (MWMC):	\$13.55
Flow-Based Fee (MWMC):	\$13.47
Total Regional Fee:	\$27.02
Local Flow-Based Fee:	\$12.23
Total Monthly Fee:	\$39.25

Wastewater Flow-Based Fee (per 1,000 gallons) (proposed to be effective July 1, 2019)

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)	\$2.694	\$3.622	\$5.276	\$7.487	\$9.703	\$11.916
City of Eugene (local)	\$2.445	\$2.445	\$2.445	\$2.445	\$2.445	\$2.445
Total	\$5.139	\$6.067	\$7.721	\$9.932	\$12.148	\$14.361

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

Use of Wastewater Fees



How your wastewater fees are used every year

Local and regional wastewater fees pay for the collection and conveyance of wastewater through nearly 850 miles of wastewater lines and for the operation and maintenance of wastewater treatment facilities.

- ◆ Operate and maintain 30 pump stations (26 local, 4 regional)
- ◆ Inspect/clean almost 390 miles of wastewater lines per year
- ◆ Treat over 12 billion gallons of wastewater per year
- ◆ Conduct more than 35,000 water quality tests
- ◆ Process 2,000 dry tons of biosolids per year
- ◆ Invest in capital improvements
- ◆ Meet water quality regulations to protect the environment

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

