



WARRICK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

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What is the fee?

Local government entities have implemented Storm Water Management programs due to a mandate from the EPA Federal Clean Water Act. The Storm Water Management programs provide services and facilities that control the quality and quantity of runoff entering into our streams and rivers. Every property owner lives in a watershed and impacts the water quality with pollutants from day-to-day activities such as paint, solvents, lawn and garden products, detergents, oil, antifreeze, leaves, grass clippings, illegal discharges and pet waste.

Why am I charged?

The charge is based on the amount of impervious surface a property has. Impervious surfaces do not allow water to penetrate and the runoff washes pollutants directly into our Storm Water Management facilities, streams, and rivers. A Storm Water fee is on impervious areas only.

How is the rate determined?

Many other cities and towns in Indiana are charging a similar fee added to their local water bills. Per Warrick County Ordinance #2008-1, all residential parcels with dwellings or homesteads are calculated at one ERU (Equivalent Residential Unit). One ERU is calculated as \$4.50 per month, or \$54.00 per year, split into two installments on their Real Estate Tax bill. Commercial, industrial and retail are considered non-residential parcels. Non-residential parcels are based on the square footage of buildings, concrete and asphalt paving calculated at \$4.50 per month for 3,100 square feet of impervious area. Other properties such as governmental, institutional, schools and churches are calculated as 1 ERU= \$4.50 per month, using three levels per the parcel's square footage as: 1 ERU=\$54.00, 2 ERU= \$108.00 and 3 ERU=\$162.00. Even if a parcel is Exempt from real estate taxes, the Storm Water Fee still applies.

What about farmers?

Agriculture parcels with a dwelling or homestead are charged the residential rate of one ERU or \$4.50 per month. They are not charged for agriculture buildings, silos or cropland.

How are these fees used?

Along with replacing pipes from approved drainage plans, removing blockages, regrading in ditches/ swales and contracted drainage projects, Warrick County Storm Water is part of IDEM's MS4 program which regulates six different MCM's (Minimum Control Measures). The items regulated are as follows : #1 Public Education, #2 Public Participation, #3 Illicit Discharge, #4 Construction Site, #5 Post Construction site, #6 Good Housekeeping. Each MCM has specific criteria that must be maintained.