



# CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT FACTSHEET

## YOUR MONTHLY UTILITY FEES

### What is a Stormwater Utility?

A Stormwater Utility is a funding mechanism to pay for the costs of providing stormwater management services. The City of Rocky Mount already has a utility to fund water, sewer, electricity, and gas.

For billing purposes, the stormwater program will use the same staff resources and billing systems to charge properties, based on their impact on the stormwater system.

Stormwater is the portion of rainfall that runs off your property and does not soak into the ground. The stormwater is carried away through the city drainage system into the local Tar River and area creeks.

Impervious surfaces, such as parking lots, buildings, driveways, sidewalks, etc., keep the stormwater from soaking into the ground and create additional stormwater runoff. Under the new stormwater utility, the more stormwater runoff a property produces, the more a property is charged for stormwater management services.



### Why is the City creating a Stormwater Utility?

The creation of this new utility enables the City to deliver a comprehensive stormwater management program to its citizens and to comply with new federal and state regulations, based on demand to the system.

### Who is required to pay the stormwater utility fee?

All developed property within the Rocky Mount city limits will be charged a monthly stormwater utility fee based on the amount of impervious area on the property.

**Questions: Visit the city website at [www.ci.rocky-mount.nc.us](http://www.ci.rocky-mount.nc.us) or call the Stormwater Hotline at 972-1500**

## **How is my fee determined?**

Single- family structures will be charged a monthly flat fee of \$4.25.

Other developed property owners, such as businesses, industry, multi-family, and tax-exempt properties, will pay \$4.25 per month for every 2,519 square feet of impervious surface on their property (the area that prevents water from soaking into the ground.)

2,519 square feet is the average amount of impervious area on a single-family lot in Rocky Mount.

All property owners with more than 2,519 square feet of hard surface will have their monthly fees calculated as follows:

Impervious Surface Area (square feet) x \$4.25

2519 square feet

## **How will I pay my fee?**

Stormwater utility fees are a separate line item on the utility bill.

## **What should I do if I have a question about my bill?**

If you have questions regarding your stormwater utility bill, please call the Stormwater Hotline at 972-1500 or visit the City website at [www.rockymountnc.gov](http://www.rockymountnc.gov).



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