

## Stormwater Utility Fee Frequently Asked Questions:

**Question.**    [What is Stormwater runoff?](#)

**Answer.** Stormwater runoff is the water that flows off roofs, driveways, parking lots, streets and other hard surfaces during rainstorms. The runoff that is not absorbed into the ground pours into ditches, culverts, catch basins and storm sewers. It does not receive any treatment before entering the streams and lakes.

**Question.**    [Why is Stormwater runoff a problem?](#)

**Answer.** As precipitation falls on undeveloped areas, it is primarily absorbed into the ground or slowly runs off into streams, rivers, or other water bodies. However, development resulting in rooftops and paved areas prevent water from being absorbed and creates a faster rate and cumulative amount of runoff. This development often causes localized flooding or water quality issues.

**Question.**    [Why has the City chosen to implement a separate fee for Stormwater management?](#)

**Answer.** By establishing a dedicated funding source through stormwater fees, the City can ensure that the revenue required to manage and to maintain this important system is available. The dedicated funds will be used to increase the level and frequency of repairs and improvements necessary to support the aging infrastructure in Combes as well as to meet increasing Federal and State mandated stormwater quality improvement requirements.

**Question.**    [When will the Stormwater fee take effect?](#)

**Answer.** The stormwater charge will appear on your monthly Combes Utility bill starting November 2020.

**Question.**    [What will it cost me?](#)

**Answer.** Single-family homes will be charged a rate of \$1.00 each month. RSW-Residential Storm Water

**Question.**    [How are non-residential property fees determined and billed?](#)

**Answer.** All non-residential properties will be billed at a flat rate of \$3.00.  
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