

Stormwater Management Service Charge Frequently Asked Questions

1.) Why was there an increase in my service charge?

Action was taken in order to comply with a federal mandate from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), to separate 100% of the combined sewer system through a Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) within the next twenty years, and to help address flooding issues within Muncie. The estimated cost of these projects is \$168 million dollars.

2.) How will the money be spent?

The money will be spent on lots of improvements, new builds and maintenance such as:

- Capital Improvements including:
 - New infrastructure in older neighborhoods
 - New development infrastructure
 - Upgrades to existing infrastructure
 - Flood way improvements
 - 100% separation of combined sewers
- Maintenance including:
 - Maintenance of existing storm system
 - Maintenance of future system
 - Maintenance of White River Levee
 - Upgrades to maintenance of all municipal infrastructure
- Compliance including:
 - Stormwater Quality Management Plan
 - Long Term Control Plan
 - Education and Outreach to the public
 - Construction Site Erosion Control
 - Post Construction Development
 - Water Quality Evaluation
 - Municipal Operations Management
 - Program Management

3.) How is my bill calculated?

Rates are based on a property's contribution to stormwater runoff. Therefore, customers are charged based on the impervious surface their property is known to have. This amount was calculated using the data from property tax records and aerial photography.

Customers are broken down into two classifications; **Residential and Non-Residential**. Classifications are determined using the State of Indiana land use codes. Residential Rates are based on the average impervious area (**2,500 sq. ft.**) of all properties within Delaware County.

Non-Residential Rates are based on the average classes of impervious area starting with the base calculation at the equivalent residential rate class. Calculations are determined by using **Equivalent Residential Units (ERU)**, which is the basic unit for the computation of storm water service

Fees. All properties contribute to the community's need to manage stormwater, therefore, all property owners must share in the cost of this program, and no properties are exempt.

Definitions:

Impervious surfaces-

Impervious surface is defined as mainly artificial structures--such as pavements (roads, sidewalks, driveways and parking lots) that are covered by impenetrable materials such as asphalt, concrete, brick, and stone--and rooftops. Soils compacted by urban development are also highly impervious.

Residential-

Residential means any property considered a home and is based on using the average impervious area of 2,500 sq. feet.

Non-residential-

Non-residential rates include anything not considered a home such as a business, apartment, church, school, municipal building, etc. This rate is determined by class chart below.

(SF)- stands for square feet

Stormwater Service Rates:

Muncie Sanitary District-

If you live within the Muncie Sanitary District, excluding Yorktown residents, your residential rate is now \$6 a month.

Muncie Sanitary District/Yorktown-

If you live in Yorktown and within the Muncie Sanitary District boundary, your rate will defer to the Yorktown rate, not the new Muncie Sanitary District rate.

Delaware County's Stormwater Rate-

Delaware County's stormwater rate did not change and is still \$.95 a month for residential.

Yorktown's Stormwater Rate-

Yorktown's stormwater rate did not change and still remains \$2 a month for residents.

Everyone pays for stormwater, not just residents and businesses. This includes churches, schools, municipality buildings, non-profits, etc.

For more info please visit www.wishthefish.com and for a service charge scale by clicking on the menu item on the left called "service charge".

The new Muncie Sanitary District rate is:

Class	Description	Multiplier	Rate Per Month	Semiannual Rate	Annual Rate
R	Residential	1	\$6.00	\$36.00	\$72.00
1	Other <= 5,000 SF	1	\$6.00	\$36.00	\$72.00
2	Other 5,001 – 11,000 SF	3	\$18.00	\$108.00	\$216.00
3	Other 11,001 – 22,000 SF	6	\$36.00	\$216.00	\$432.00
4	Other 22,001 – 34,000 SF	11	\$66.00	\$396.00	\$792.00
5	Other 34,001 – 56,000 SF	17	\$102.00	\$612.00	\$1,224.00
6	Other 56,001 – 94,000 SF	28	\$168.00	\$1,008.00	\$2,016.00
7	Other 94,001 – 147,000 SF	47	\$282.00	\$1,692.00	\$3,384.00
8	Other 147,001 – 235,000 SF	75	\$450.00	\$2,700.00	\$5,400.00
9	Other 235,001 – 500,000 SF	133	\$798.00	\$4,788.00	\$9,576.00
10	Other > 500,000 SF	200	\$1,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$14,400.00

The Old rates and what Delaware County's rate still is:

Class	Description	Multiplier	Rate Per Month	Semiannual Rate	Annual Rate
R	Residential	1	\$0.95	\$5.70	\$11.40
1	Other <= 5,000 SF	1	\$0.95	\$5.70	\$11.40
2	Other 5,001 – 11,000 SF	3	\$2.85	\$17.10	\$34.20
3	Other 11,001 – 22,000 SF	6	\$5.70	\$34.20	\$68.40
4	Other 22,001 – 34,000 SF	11	\$10.45	\$62.70	\$125.40
5	Other 34,001 – 56,000 SF	17	\$16.15	\$96.90	\$193.80
6	Other 56,001 – 94,000 SF	28	\$26.60	\$159.60	\$319.20
7	Other 94,001 – 147,000 SF	47	\$44.65	\$267.90	\$535.80
8	Other 147,001 – 235,000 SF	75	\$71.25	\$427.50	\$855.00

Class	Description	Multiplier	Rate Per Month	Semiannual Rate	Annual Rate
9	Other 235,001 – 500,000 SF	133	\$126.35	\$758.10	\$1,516.20
10	Other > 500,000 SF	200	\$190.00	\$1,140.00	\$2,280.00