

Frequently Asked Questions



Who is eligible to receive a stormwater fee credit?

Commercial customers may be eligible to receive a reduction in their stormwater fee if there is a stormwater facility on their property that the customer operates and maintains. There are two types of stormwater facilities:

- (1) Stormwater flow control facilities are designed to reduce the volume and/or rate of runoff leaving the property.
- (2) Stormwater treatment facilities that remove pollutants from stormwater through mechanical, biological, or other means. Some facilities provide both stormwater flow control and treatment.

Why is my stormwater fee increasing in July of 2017?

The Marion County Board of Commissioners passed the Marion County Stormwater Fee in 2015. The fee included an automatic, but temporary, 25% credit for commercial customers. This allowed staff additional time to create a stormwater credit program that would account for beneficial private stormwater infrastructure.

How much of a credit can a commercial customer receive?

A customer who can document that there is a stormwater flow control or stormwater treatment facility on their property may be eligible for a stormwater credit, which is based on the type of facility, the amount of stormwater that flows through the facility, and how the facility supports stormwater quality or stormwater quantity programs. Credit amounts vary from approximately 1 to 25 percent.

Single-family residential ratepayers are not eligible for a rate credit.

What type of stormwater infrastructure is eligible for credit consideration?

- Stormwater flow control facilities can include detention basins, underground storage, and engineered wetlands.
- Stormwater treatment facilities can include rain gardens, bioswales, and filters.

How do eligible customers apply for the credit?

Customers interested in requesting a reduction in their stormwater fee need to complete an application form, which can be found at www.mccleanwater.net.

Completed application packages should be mailed to the following address:

Marion County Public Works
Attn: Stormwater Program
5155 Silverton RD NE
Salem, OR 97305