



Stormwater User Fee

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is the Stormwater User Fee?

The Stormwater User Fee is a fee to fund flood mitigation projects and maintenance of the Village’s stormwater system. The monthly fee is based upon parcel size and is included as a separate line item on your water and sewer bill.

Why was the Stormwater User Fee created?

The fee was established in response to the major flood event that took place in July 2017. The fee creates a funding source to escalate the construction of capital improvements to the community’s stormwater infrastructure.

How much is the Stormwater User Fee?

The bi-monthly Stormwater User Fee will be assessed as follows:

Parcel Size	Bi-Monthly Fee
< 1 Acre	\$6
1 - 1.99 Acres	\$12
2 - 3.99 Acres	\$24
4 - 5.99 Acres	\$40
6+ Acres	\$60

Who will pay the Stormwater User Fee?

All parcels within the Village of Mundelein are subject to the bi-monthly Stormwater User Fee.

Do churches, schools and nonprofit organizations have to pay the Stormwater User Fee?

Yes. Parcels owned by governmental agencies, religious institutions, and not-for-profit organizations will pay a fee; however, they will be treated as parcels of less than one acre in size regardless of their actual area.

Is this just another tax?

No. The Stormwater User Fee is a user fee. Although the fee is a cost to property owners, it is not a tax on the value of the property. Because all properties benefit from the stormwater management system, all properties are assessed a fee for its operation and maintenance.

Will the Village issue bonds for future stormwater improvements?

The Village will move forward with a bond issue in 2019 to fund a regional flood mitigation project. Part of the Stormwater User Fee will be used to support the debt service on this bond issue.

How will the money generated by the Stormwater User Fee be used?

The money generated by the Stormwater User Fee will be used solely for the operation, management, and maintenance of the Village’s stormwater system and to fund the debt service on flood mitigation projects within the Village.

How much revenue will the Village's Stormwater User Fee provide?

The Village estimates that the Stormwater User Fee will generate approximately \$450,000 annually in revenue. Of which, an estimated \$200,000 will be dedicated to funding annual stormwater capital projects throughout the community. The remainder will be applied to the debt service.

How will the Stormwater User Fee be billed?

The stormwater utility fee will be included with the bi-monthly (i.e. every 2 months) water and sewer bill you are already receiving, and will appear as a separate line item on the bill.

When will the fee begin appearing on water bills?

The stormwater utility will become effective on January 1, 2019 and will first appear on water bills in either March or April of 2019, depending on which water billing cycle your home or business is included in.

What if I do not currently receive a water and sewer bill from the Village?

Some parcel owners in the community are not currently receiving water and sewer bills from the Village of Mundelein. These individuals will receive a separate stormwater user bill from the Village.

To whom will the bills be sent?

Since all parcels in the Village of Mundelein are subject to the fees, there will be a bill for each parcel. Generally speaking, stormwater bills will be sent to existing water billing customers. For those parcels that do not have water or sewer service, the bills will be sent to the owner of record.

Who is responsible for paying the bills?

The water billing customer or property owner is responsible for paying the bill. As is the case with water and sewer charges, if a renter fails to pay their bill, the owner of the property will ultimately be responsible for the charges.

What happens if the bill is not paid in full?

In the event the party responsible for the payment of the Stormwater User Fee makes a payment insufficient to pay the total amount required by the common utility bill, the payment will be applied to the stormwater fees, then sewer fees, and finally water fees. If the balance for the water charges remains unpaid for 30 days, the Village may shut off water service. The Village may also place a lien against the property.

What is the process for appealing decisions that affect the Stormwater User Fee?

Decisions affecting the Stormwater User Fee including: the classification of the parcel, the size of the parcel, and the calculation of the Stormwater User Fee will be made by the Assistant Village Administrator. Residents may appeal the decision of the Assistant Village Administrator by submitting a written appeal to the Mayor. Decisions by the Mayor are final.

How can I get more information on the Stormwater User Fee?

For more information about the Village's new Stormwater User Fee, please feel free to email the Village info@mundelein.org, or call the Village at 847-949-3200.