



## City Of Newark Stormwater Utility

On October 9th, Newark City Council voted to implement a city-wide stormwater utility that shall begin on January 1, 2018. The utility charge is expected to raise \$1.4 million each year and will be used to improve the City's stormwater system. Investments have already been made into stormwater related infrastructure and water quality permit compliance, however the system requires ongoing maintenance, repair, enhancements and replacements to meet existing and future needs, including flood mitigation and water quality protection.



## What Does This Mean for Residents?

Beginning January 1, 2018, residents will pay between \$1.77 and \$5.31 each month, depending on which tier their property falls into. The four tiers are based on each residential parcel's impervious area.

TIER	IMPERVIOUS AREA (SQ FT)	ESU FACTOR	MONTHLY FEE
1	0 TO 1,289	0.60	\$1.77
2	1,290 TO 1,950	1.00	\$2.95
3	1,951 TO 2,610	1.30	\$3.84
4	2,611 OR MORE	1.80	\$5.31

An interactive online map to determine which tier a residential property falls into is available at the following address:

<https://cityofnewarkde.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=3a1d358542ad4f7db4b5e5af82806536>

Non-residential parcels will be subject to a rate of \$2.95 per Equivalent Stormwater Unit (ESU) per month. An ESU is equal to 1,620 square feet of effective impervious.

The City currently recovers all stormwater management costs through water charges, without consideration of a parcel's contribution to runoff and pollution to the City's stormwater system. Using impervious area as the basis for assessing the stormwater charge will increase fairness in cost recovery.

In conjunction with the stormwater charge, the City established a grant program for residential customers that offers rain barrels, design service support and stormwater project cost sharing. The program also provides non-residential property owners an opportunity to reduce their monthly stormwater charge up to 25% by recognizing efforts that go beyond the City's current stormwater management requirements.

**IMPORTANT: City of Newark offices will be closed on  
Monday, January 1 for New Year's Day and Monday, January 15 for Martin Luther King Day.**

## Stormwater Information

- ◆ Stormwater runoff is water that flows over yards, streets, buildings, parking lots, swimming pools and other surfaces when it rains and eventually ends up in our local streams, ponds, lakes, rivers, and oceans.
- ◆ The purpose of the stormwater charge is to fund our Clean Water Act obligations and the repair and maintenance of the stormwater system including the storm sewer, management facilities and other stormwater structures that help prevent flooding and minimize pollutants entering local streams, ponds, lakes, rivers and oceans.
- ◆ “Impervious Area” means the total square feet of any hard surface area, including buildings, any attached or detached structures, and paved or hardscaped areas that either prevents or restricts the volume of stormwater that can enter into the soil and thereby causes runoff. Surfaces such as compacted dirt and gravel are also considered impervious area.
- ◆ “Parcel” is any real property, either developed or undisturbed, which is assigned a tax parcel number by New Castle County.
- ◆ An “ESU” is an Equivalent Stormwater Unit which is the median amount of impervious area associated with single family residential properties in Newark. It is the standard billing unit for all customers.
- ◆ The stormwater charge is NOT based on your monthly water consumption. The stormwater charge is based on the *Impervious Area* estimated for your parcel.
- ◆ The City has a stormwater fee appeals program to address customer concerns regarding stormwater charges and related data.
- ◆ For more information, please visit our website: <https://newarkde.gov/Stormwater>



## January Events Calendar

### Planning Commission Meeting

January 2, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers

### City Council Meeting

January 8, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers

### Conservation Advisory Commission Meeting

January 9, from 7 –9 p.m. in Council Chambers

### Board of Adjustment Meeting

January 18, from 7-9 p.m. in Council Chambers

### City Council Meeting

January 22, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers

### Planning Commission Parking Subcommittee Meeting

January 24, at 2 p.m. in Council Chambers

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