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FAQ's for Stormwater Billing

What is stormwater?

Stormwater is the water that runs off the property. This differs from your water bill, clean water sent to your property via pipes; and your sewer bill, used water sent from your property via pipes.

When did the City of Sheridan start billing for stormwater?

The Sheridan City Council approved billing for stormwater in September, 2004 with the first billing in June, 2005.

Do other cities bill for stormwater?

Other cities in the metro area do bill for stormwater (also called wastewater). They may do a separate bill as Sheridan does, or they may charge it through the mill levy on the property taxes.

How is the fee determined?

Each residential parcel is charged \$3.75 per month/\$45.00 annually. Each commercial parcel is charged \$6.25 per month/\$75.00 annually. Please note – *the fee is per parcel number, not property address.* These fees represent an increase of \$0.75 per month/\$9.00 per year for each residential parcel and an increase of \$1.25 per month/\$15.00 per year for each commercial property. This is the first billing increase for stormwater since its inception in 2004.

How is the stormwater fee used?

The money is put in a *collective fund*. The fee is used to fund the operation, maintenance, construction, improvement, and replacement of drainage services and facilities. The fee can also be used to investigate stormwater runoff violations.

What if I purchased/sold the property in 2019 and received a bill?

The title company that conducted your closing should have contacted the City of Sheridan, prior to closing, to get the status on your account. You need to contact the title company to determine if this was done. Please note – *the stormwater bill stays with the property.*

What if I have a tenant that is supposed to pay the bill?

Since an unpaid stormwater bill can create a service lien on the property, Sheridan will send the bill to the *owner of record* with the county. It will be up to the property owner to forward the bill to the tenant.

When is the bill due?

Stormwater bills are due September 30, 2019.

What happens if the stormwater bill is not paid?

The City will send a second billing notice with the finance charge(s) added after the September 30, 2019 due date. The finance charge is \$6.75 per residential parcel and \$11.25 per commercial parcel. All payments, with applicable fees, are due to the City of Sheridan on or before October 18, 2019. *Postmarks are not accepted.* Any remaining balance, whether it is the stormwater bill or the finance charge, will be certified to Arapahoe County and will create a service lien on the property.

More information regarding stormwater can be found at the City of Sheridan's website at: www.ci.sheridan.co.us. General stormwater information can be found under the Public Works department website and the entire stormwater code can be found under Municipal Code, chapter 70.