

STORMWATER UTILITY FEE

In 1998, a Citizen's Stormwater Advisory Committee recommended that City Council create a stormwater utility to generate funds for stormwater facility maintenance, construction, and State and Federal Clean Water Quality mandates.

In 2004 the City Council adopted Ordinance No.22, Series of 2004, creating a Stormwater Utility Fee to provide funding for implementation of the City's federally mandated MS4 permit requirements. This permit regulates stormwater quality to protect streams and rivers.

Because "impervious surface" is the primary contributor to polluted urban runoff, the fee is equitably based upon the extent of impervious surface found on a tract of land.

Impervious surface is best defined as any surface which inhibits precipitation from directly percolating through the soil and into groundwater. Examples include pavement, sidewalks, buildings and lined gravel beds.

City Ordinance Prohibits Illicit Discharges

Illicit Discharge is defined as direct or indirect release of pollutants into the City's Storm Sewer System, including gutters!

City Ordinance provides enforcement and civil penalties of up to

\$250 per violation per day!

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Stormwater Management Program News

COMMERCIAL EDITION

POSTER CONTEST

The Stormwater Program is having a POSTER CONTEST to develop a theme and logo.

The contest is open to all ages, with cash prizes for artists under 21 years old of \$50 for 1st, \$25 for 2nd, and \$10 for 3rd places. Any media may be used to create a flat or two-dimensional effect (paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, paper or other materials).

Deadline for submission is

September 29th.

The Public Works Committee will be the judges. Prizes will be presented by the City Council.

Artwork submitted must be 11" x 17" or smaller, limited to 2—3 colors, and the artist's name cannot appear on the front of the artwork.

For an Entry Form or for more information, contact:

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BY PREVENTING FLUIDS FROM REACHING THE STREET OR STORM DRAIN, YOU CAN PREVENT STORMWATER POLLUTION AND HELP PROTECT OUR RIVERS, LAKES AND STREAMS.



BE AWARE OF WHERE YOU WORK

- Any drips or spills on the ground can be carried away by rainwater to a storm drain and into a nearby river, lake or stream.
- Choose to work on a flat concrete surface where you can easily clean up accidental spills. Remember the phrase "keep it clean, drains to stream" when you work on paved surfaces.
- Never work on a vehicle in the street or near a storm drain.



FOLLOW THESE TIPS WHEN CHANGING YOUR OIL OR OTHER VEHICLE FLUIDS

- Use funnels or pumps when handling liquid products or wastes to avoid spills.
- Capture vehicle fluids in separate drip pans or containers. Properly recycle used oil, antifreeze and other vehicle fluids. Do not mix vehicle fluids.

- Use plastic tarps and drip pans if a car is leaking. Pour the oil collected on tarp back into a drip pan.
- Drain and recycle used oil filters. Poke holes in the filter and let it drain into your oil pan for several hours before you recycle.
- As an alternative, you can use kitty litter, sawdust or oil absorbent to clean spills. Apply it to the spill, sweep it up and dispose of the waste in the trash.
- If spills occur, use an absorbent pad to clean the spill. Squeeze the pad to wring out excess liquids. Place the used pad in a plastic bag and then dispose in the trash.
- Collect your used motor oil, antifreeze and oil filters in separate containers for transport to a nearby recycling station. Tires and batteries are some other items that can be recycled.



PUT THE BRAKES ON POLLUTION WHEN REPLACING BRAKE PARTS

- Many brake pads contain copper, which wears off as the pads wear and contributes to stormwater pollution.
- Don't hose down brake pads, rotors or drums.
- Use shop cloths to wipe as much brake dust as possible from the rotors and drums before using brake cleaner fluid. The shop cloths can be laundered and reused.
- Recycle cleaner fluid by using a drip pan. Reuse collected cleaner to clean rotors and drums.



WASH YOUR CAR AT A NEARBY CAR WASH

- Wash water from washing your car at home can contain detergents, metals, oil, sediment and other debris that can pollute nearby rivers, lakes and streams.
- For spot cleaning, wipe the vehicle with a damp cloth instead of washing it.
- Take your vehicle to a commercial car wash that recycles water. This will prevent detergents and other contaminants from being washed down a storm drain or drainage ditch.



DID YOU KNOW THE FOLLOWING CAN BE RECYCLED?

- Transmission fluid
- Used tires
- Brake fluid
- Used oil filters
- Car batteries
- Antifreeze
- Used motor oil