When are the charges effective?

The stormwater charges were implemented in April 2010, and are included on the Water & Sewer utility bill. For the parcels that do not have water or sewer services, a utility account will be created for this service.

How much will this cost me?

The City of Antigo's monthly charge for single-family residential customers is $3.52 per parcel (equal to $42.24 annually). The statewide monthly average for single-family residential customers in Wisconsin is approximately $53 per year (an average of $10.76 more each year).

The monthly charge for nonresidential customers is based on the amount of measured impervious area on each parcel. Specifically, their stormwater utility charge is $3.52 per equivalent residential unit (ERU), which is equal to 3069 square feet of measured impervious area.

Can this monthly fee be reduced?

The City of Antigo has adopted a policy for granting credits to nonresidential parcels that install and maintain stormwater management devices (such as detention ponds) that reduce the City's cost of providing stormwater service. The credit may be up to 50% of the parcel's total stormwater utility fee.

Applications for stormwater credits and adjustments shall be submitted to the City along with a nonrefundable application fee of $50. Applications for credits and adjustments must be approved by the City prior to implementation of such system. The cost of the site evaluation will then be billed to the applicant after the application process is complete. The Stormwater Credit and Adjustment Handbook with applications may be obtained at City Hall or our website at www.antigo-city.org. To avoid a $5 deposit fee for the handbook and applications, you may obtain them from our website free of charge. The $5 deposit will be deducted from the $50 application fee when submitted to the City.

Where can I get more information?

For more information on the City of Antigo's Stormwater Utility, contact the Public Works Department at (715) 623-3633, ext. 132.

For billing questions, please contact the Water & Sewer Utility Office at (715) 623-3633 ext. 105 or 106.

Visit our website!

Visit our website for more information on the City of Antigo's Stormwater Credit and Adjustment Handbook. All of the necessary application forms are included in this handbook.

An aerial photo of the city is also available on our website. You can actually view aerial photos of any parcels in the City. This was a tool used in measuring impervious areas on City parcels.

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The City of Antigo is implementing a stormwater utility to provide a dedicated funding mechanism for the City to improve, operate and maintain the stormwater management system. Currently, expenditures for stormwater management have come from the City's general fund (i.e. property taxes) and/or from special assessments. The utility will reduce or eliminate the need to levy taxes for these projects and will instead apply the charges proportionally to those people who contribute to stormwater runoff and receive the benefit of stormwater management. Therefore, tax exempt properties that contribute to the stormwater system, will be charged accordingly.

What is stormwater runoff?

"Stormwater runoff" refers to water from rain or melting snow that "runs off" across the land instead of seeping into the ground. This runoff usually flows into the nearest stream, creek, river, lake or wetland. The runoff is not treated in any way.

Why does the City of Antigo need stormwater management?

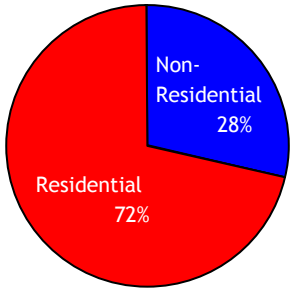
Failure to adequately manage the City's stormwater system increases the risk of flooding, affects the operation of other utilities, most notably the sanitary sewer system, increases soil erosion, and threatens the quality of surface waters and the environment. Additionally, recent federal and state water quality regulations now require that cities construct and maintain infrastructure that improves the quality of runoff, and that they conduct municipal operations so as to minimize the contact between pollutants and runoff.

What is a Stormwater Utility?

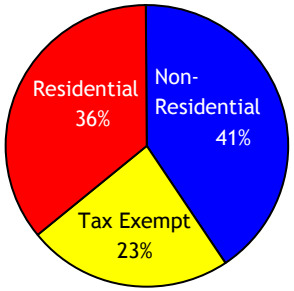
A stormwater utility is responsible for funding the operation, construction, and maintenance of the City's stormwater infrastructure, and for stormwater system planning. A stormwater utility generates its revenue through user fees very much like a wastewater utility funds the City's sanitary sewer and wastewater treatment system. The fee is based on the amount of stormwater a particular parcel passes to the stormwater system. In general, the more runoff a parcel contributes, the greater the fee.

REALLOCATION OF CHARGE AMONG USERS

Property Tax System (Property Value)



Stormwater Utility System (Impervious Area)



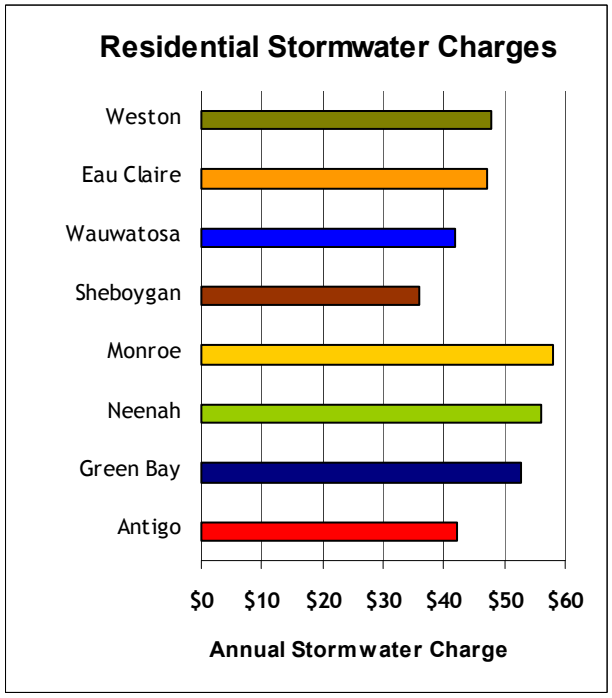
What is the fee based on?

There is a strong correlation between impervious area (pavement, roofs, etc.) on a property and the amount of stormwater runoff and pollution that each property generates. Therefore, impervious area is the method of measuring stormwater use in a stormwater utility. As more impervious area is created, there is proportionally less vegetation and less soil area for the absorbtion of rainfall. The City has used detailed maps, aerial photos and site plans to determine the amount of impervious area that exists on each parcel and the associated fees. Nonresidential parcels will be billed according to their actual measured impervious area. Residential parcels will be billed as a function of the average impervious area of all residential properties in the City.

Is this just another tax?

No. The fee is similar to the monthly water, sewer and fire protection service fees paid by all contributing customers. This fee, by incorporating tax-exempt properties, actually reduces the overall cost to taxpayers. The stormwater fee is based on the percentage of impervious area, not tax value, and applies to both taxable and tax-exempt properties.

Why is the Utility being implemented now?

The City has been aware of the need to address drainage, flooding, and erosion repair projects for many years, and the problems are increasing as the existing storm infrastructure ages. Additionally, it will cost the City of Antigo substantial capital costs over the next several years to comply with state and federal water quality regulations, plus additional annual operations costs.

Due to the state revenue caps, the City is not able to raise taxes to pay for these increased stormwater program costs. Thus, these additional expenses would result in cuts to existing City services in the absence of a stormwater utility.