



10 Ways to Reduce Stormwater Pollution

- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces to lawns
- Sweep paved areas to keep waste and debris out of storm sewers
- Reduce amount of fertilizers and pesticides
- Keep leaves out of gutters and streets
- Compost yard waste
- Pick-up pet wastes
- Dispose of toxic wastes properly
- Recycle used oil
- Keep cars tuned and in good operating condition
- Wash car in a Car Wash facility



Learn More

To learn more about stormwater, visit
www.iowastormwater.org
www.wdm.iowa.gov click on Public Services
www.DesMoinesRegister.com/waterquality

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Public Services at

222-3480

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Stormwater Utility



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and
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Water Quality*



Stormwater Problems

Stormwater (melting snow and rain) flows from roofs, driveways, sidewalks, parking lots and other impervious surfaces (that do not readily absorb water) into ditches, streets, creeks, streams and rivers. Along the way, it causes erosion, flooding, and picks-up oils, grease, fertilizers, pesticides, litter and metals that pollute water.



Federal Mandate

In accordance with the federal Clean Water Act, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) has recently issued a Phase II NPDES Permit to the City of West Des Moines. The permit requires the City to develop and implement a comprehensive stormwater quality management program.

Funding

In lieu of using property taxes, the City has decided to charge fair and equitable stormwater management fees to provide adequate resources for the management, maintenance, protection, control, regulation, use and enhancement of the City's stormwater management systems and facilities.

Stormwater Management Fees

The Stormwater management fees are based on impervious surface area on the property. An Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) is a measure of the amount of the impervious surface area. One ERU is defined as less than or equal to 4,000 square feet of impervious surface area. Every additional increment of one square foot to 2,000 square feet of impervious surface area is equal to 0.5 ERU.

From June 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, the stormwater management fee is \$2.75 per ERU per month. After June 30, 2007, the monthly stormwater management fee is scheduled to increase by 50 cents per ERU each year until June 30, 2010.

The stormwater management fees will be billed by the West Des Moines Water Works as part of the West Des Moines Municipal Services bill.

Who Pays?

Owners of all properties (including properties owned by non-profit organizations and federal, county and city governments) that have impervious surface area must pay the monthly stormwater management fees.