

Storm Water Management Charges

The Storm Water Utility is funded by the Storm Water Management Charge. The unit of measure is an Equivalent Runoff Unit (ERU), which is used by many municipalities for storm water utility billing. A single family residential dwelling is deemed to produce one ERU of storm water runoff and represents 265.4 m² of impervious surface such as roofs, driveways, and sidewalks. Single family residential properties pay \$4.40 per month (\$52.80 per year) for one ERU.

Multi-Unit Residential (MUR) and Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional (ICI) properties can generate significantly more storm water runoff than single family residential properties generate; therefore they are charged multiple ERUs ranging from an annual minimum of two ERUs (\$105.60) to a maximum of 100 ERUs (\$5,280) in 2017. Properties exempt from storm water charges include roads, right-of-ways, properties zoned as agricultural, and properties that drain directly to the South Saskatchewan River.

The seven-year phase-in of ERUs charged to commercial sites began in 2012 with the annual caps shown in Table One: Storm Water Management Charge Cap, 2012 to 2018.

Year	Maximum # of MUR, ICI ERUs	Maximum MUR, ICI Annual ERU Charge
2012	10	\$ 528
2013	25	\$1,320
2014	40	\$2,112
2015	55	\$2,904
2016	70	\$3,696
2017	85	\$4,488
2018	100	\$5,280

In August 2017, City Council approved a four-year phase out from 2019 to 2022 for the temporary Flood Protection Program (FPP) charge applied to each water meter, with similar increases to the annual ERU charge as shown in Table Two: Flood Protection and Storm Water Management Charges, 2018 to 2022.

Year	FPP Charge (Per Water Meter)	Residential Annual ERU Charge	Min. MUR, ICI Annual ERU Charge	Max. MUR, ICI Annual ERU Charge
2018	\$54.00	\$52.80	\$105.60	\$5,280
2019	\$40.50	\$66.30	\$132.60	\$6,630
2020	\$27.00	\$79.80	\$159.60	\$7,980
2021	\$13.50	\$93.30	\$186.60	\$9,330
2022	\$0	\$106.80	\$213.60	\$10,680

In 2018, approximately one third of the Storm Water Utility's \$6.2 million in revenue is paid by ICI customers and about two thirds is paid by residential including MUR customers. In 2022, revenues of \$13.68 million are expected, with ICI customers accounting for two thirds of the revenue.