

City and County of Denver
Department of Public Works – Wastewater Management
2006

[Information about your storm drainage bill](#)

Final rate increase goes into effect

The last of four storm drainage rate increases approved by City Council in 2001 went into effect January 1, 2006. This 20% rate increase was originally scheduled to take place in 2005, but was postponed for one year.

Your impervious surface area measurements may change

Using highly accurate aerial photography from 2004, we are in the process of reviewing the impervious surface area measurements for all properties within the City and County of Denver. There are many properties that have added impervious surfaces over the years, such as patios, home additions, and driveways. To be fair and equitable to all of our customers, we will update our billing records as quickly as we can. Your 2006 bill may reflect these more accurate measurements.

On-line bill paying is now available for your convenience

This year, we have added a brand new way for you to pay your storm drainage bill. Log on at www.denvergov.org/stormpay and follow the directions using your credit card and information from your storm drainage invoice. There is no additional fee or charge for paying online.

Every property is billed for storm drainage

The storm drainage service charge is calculated for every parcel of land within the City and County of Denver (excluding DIA, which is responsible for its own storm drainage facilities). The city's storm drainage system helps minimize losses and disruptions from rain and snow storms. Your property benefits even if there is no storm drain adjacent to it.

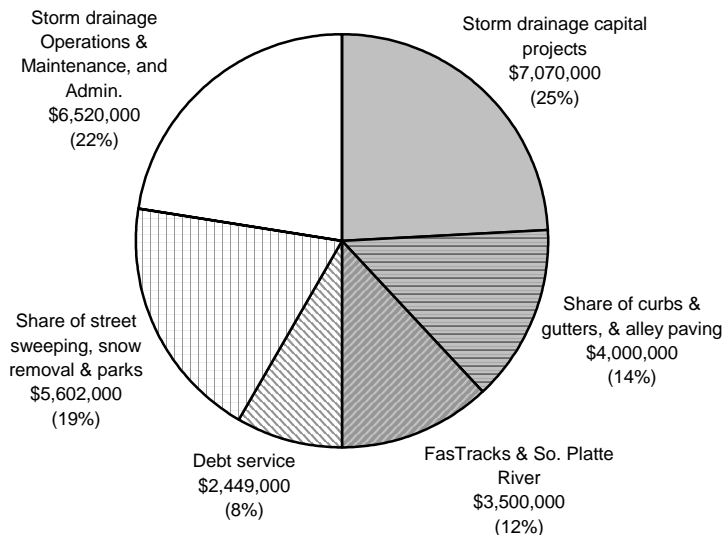
[How does the city use its storm drainage revenues?](#)

City is emphasizing city-wide projects and programs

As shown in the chart below, the city is emphasizing storm drainage-related activities that benefit all parts of the community, including Denver's share of regional projects such as FasTracks and the South Platte River cleanup.

Feel free to contact us If you are interested in more information about the city's storm drainage activities and projects (see contact information to the right).

**Storm Drainage Enterprise Fund
Total 2006 Budget:
\$29,141,000**



[How is your bill calculated?](#)

The amount of stormwater runoff from a property is directly related to the amount of impervious surface area on the property (e.g., roofs, driveways, sidewalks, etc.).

The storm drainage service charge is based on the percentage of impervious area to the total property area. To determine the annual charge for a specific property:

- 1) Divide the impervious area by the total parcel area = *ratio*.
- 2) Use the rate table below to find the proper *ratio group* and corresponding *rate*.
- 3) Multiply the *rate* times the *impervious surface area*, and divide by 100, which equals the annual charge.

Ratio Group	2006 Rate*	Ratio Group	2006 Rate*
0 to .10	\$1.44	.51 to .60	\$2.95
.11 to .20	\$1.81	.61 to .70	\$3.34
.21 to .30	\$2.18	.71 to .80	\$3.72
.31 to .40	\$2.58	.81 to .90	\$4.09
.41 to .50	\$2.95	.91 to 1.00	\$4.48

Example. For a property with 2,273 sq. ft. of impervious surface area on a 5,000 sq. ft. parcel: $2,273 / 5,000 = 0.45$. This *ratio group* has a *rate* of \$2.95 per 100 sq. ft. of impervious surface area. The annual charge is calculated as $\$2.95 \times 2,273/100 = \67.05 .

* Rate per 100 square feet. Minimum charge is \$10.26. There is no charge for unimproved land.

[How to contact us](#)

Important phone numbers

Questions about your bill, or your impervious surface area measurements	303-446-3500
Service questions or problems (such as clogged storm drains, or other drainage problems)	303-446-3400
Emergencies – weekdays 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – after hours	303-446-3400 720-865-6855
En español	303-446-3500
Questions about street sweeping, snow removal, potholes, curb & gutter hotline, other street problems	720-865-6855
Questions about Denver storm drainage projects (Director of Engineering)	720-865-3021

To pay your storm drainage bill on-line
www.denvergov.org/stormpay

For more information, check out our WEB site
www.denvergov.org/wastewater

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