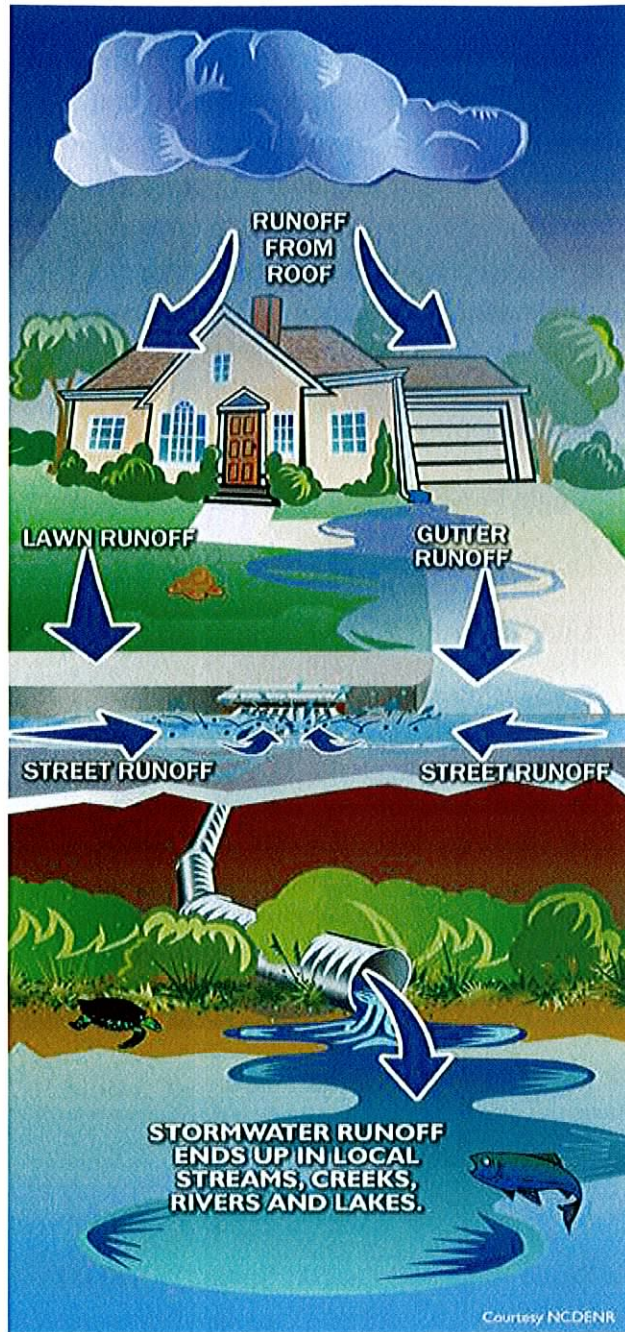


Stormwater Runoff:



Appeal Process

A property owners may appeal the stormwater utility fee based on the following conditions:

- Proper land use designation.
- Inaccurate impervious area calculation.

Note: Determination of the appeal, along with a written notice of appeal, should be submitted at City Hall to begin the appeal investigation. No reimbursement for past fees will be given after 1 year from date of ordinance passage by the City Council.

Questions?



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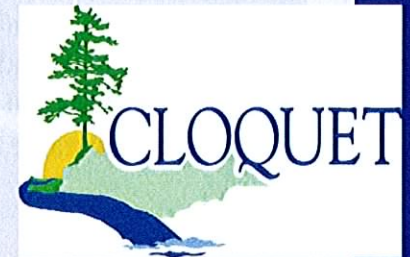
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STORMWATER UTILITY INFORMATION

City of Cloquet



Get the Facts:

What is it?

How will it affect
Cloquet Residents?

Why a Utility?

Why Must We Manage Stormwater:

When water drains from grassy areas or hard surfaces (roofs, concrete, asphalt, gravel, etc.) it collects pollutants such as soil particles, bacteria, litter, oil and other materials which flow into our lakes, rivers and streams. In fact, recently it has been well documented that stormwater is a leading source of pollution to our natural water resources. Higher density developments, the filling of less desirable lowland areas, erosion from construction sites and storm water runoff from commercial and industrial sites has created considerable concern across the country.

In Minnesota new State and Federal Mandates now regulate how Cities must manage surface water in order to preserve our valuable natural resources.

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In addition to pollution concerns, proper capital improvement planning and maintenance are crucial to any stormwater system in order to protect people and property from localized flooding.

What Is A Stormwater Utility?

A Stormwater Utility is a method of financing the administration, planning, implementation and maintenance of stormwater management programs. The utility is funded by a service charge or fee. It does not replace existing funding sources – it complements them. The fee is typically charged against all developed parcels within a City, including tax-exempt properties, based on the premise of “contributors pay.” This consistent, dependable revenue source provides a dedicated fund to manage the drainage system and water quality improvements without increasing property taxes or assessments.

What Is Cloquet Required To Do?

The City Will...

- Obtain and comply with the stormwater discharge permit issued by MNPCA.
- Monitor construction sites for compliance with new regulations.
- Inspect and maintain public storm sewers and drainage facilities.
- Educate the public on how they can help reduce stormwater pollution.
- Aggressively maintain and replace our aging drainage system.
- Protect our valued natural resources.

How Are Fees Determined?

All property has been assigned a certain number of residential equivalency factors (REFs). One REF represents the amount of runoff from a typical single family residential property. All single family properties are assigned one REF. More intensively developed properties such as commercial or industrial are assigned REFs based on the amount of impervious surface.

Cost Equations

- Single Family Residential = 1 REF x Rate
- Duplex/Triplex - 1.5 REFs x Rate
- Undeveloped Land = Exempt (\$0)
- Other (Commercial, Industrial, Multi-family etc.) = Measured Impervious Surface/1 REF x Rate.

Note: The recommended Rate/REF is \$4/month based on 9,712 total REFs and an anticipated annual budget of \$350,000. The stormwater utility fee will typically be included on the monthly sewer and water bill. If you don't currently receive a water bill you would be billed on a quarterly or semi-annual basis.

Example Monthly Bills

- Single Family Residential - \$4.00
- Duplex - \$6.00
- Small Business (i.e. Gas Station) - \$20.00
- Big Box Retailer - \$400.00