

Why Must We Manage Stormwater?

The City of Lancaster administers, operates, and maintains a stormwater management program to:

- Preserve valuable natural resources
- Protect people and property
- Reduce nuisance flooding
- Improve water quality

What is a Stormwater Utility Fee?

- Like gas, electricity, water, and sewage, stormwater runoff is being managed as a utility and billed as a fee.
- Fee varies by the amount of stormwater runoff generated by a particular parcel.
- A method of financing Lancaster's stormwater management program, required by EPA.

What are the Benefits of Stormwater Utility fee?

- Provides an equitable means of creating a dedicated source of revenue to address existing stormwater system deficiencies
- Insures that Lancaster will have resources needed to address flooding and pollution of surface waters
- Allows the City to fund Capital Improvement Program projects
- Creates a dedicated source of revenue to develop and implement the Phase II Stormwater Regulations mandated by EPA



REMEMBER THAT
STORMWATER
BECOMES YOUR
DRINKING WATER

Do Other Communities have a Stormwater Utility Fee?

Several Texas communities have instituted a stormwater utility fee including Duncanville, Coppell, Desoto, The Colony, Rowlett, and Haltom City, Dallas, Fort Worth, Arlington, and Plano.

How will the Stormwater Fees be Used?

Stormwater fees are dedicated to addressing stormwater management and drainage activities such as:

- Drainage system assessments and preparation of a master plan for system improvements
- Inspections, maintenance and repair of the municipal storm sewer system (MS4)
- Road-side and trail litter removal
- Business inspection and education programs
- Public education and outreach programs
- Minor flood reduction projects
- Street cleaning
- Storm system mapping
- Outfall inspections
- Practices to improve water quality

If you would like additional information on the stormwater utility fee or have specific concerns about stormwater management issues, please contact the Engineering Division at: 972-218-1206