



The Village of
North Fond du Lac
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What Is the “Stormwater Utility Fee” on My Water & Sewer Bill?

In the fall of 2006 the North Fond du Lac Village Board adopted a Stormwater Utility. A utility transfers the stormwater program costs from property taxes to a fee base system. This means that all the properties within the Village (including non-taxed properties) contribute to the utility.

Village stormwater services include many activities such as:

- Maintaining storm sewers, curb/gutters, and inlets
- Construction erosion inspection & control
- Building stormwater detention basins
- Repairing drainage channels
- Street sweeping
- Review & approve new development drainage plans

In addition to the above list, the Village must comply with state stormwater pollution regulations. The regulations require the Village (along with about 240 other Wisconsin communities) to reduce stormwater pollution to streams, wetlands, and lakes. The new regulations will require additional efforts from the Village over the next several years.

A utility is the most equitable means to finance these stormwater costs. A residential property owner currently pays \$56 a year under the utility. It is the Village’s goal to meet the regulations in the most cost effective manner possible.

The Stormwater Portion of your utility bill shows up as three different line items:

- **Storm Water Base**, which is the base charge and is similar to a service charge or user fee. This charge represents 30% of your Stormwater charges.
- **Storm Flow Fee**, which is for the flow part of the Stormwater and represents 35% of the Stormwater charges. This deals with the quantity of water coming off your property and deals with flood control measures or detention pond construction.
- **Storm Water Quality**, which is for quality and represents 35% of the Stormwater charges. This is the portion of your bill that is charged for the quality of the stormwater discharged from your property.

Both the Storm Flow Fee and the Storm Water Quality charges are for cleaning the water and putting in filtration type practices to reduce the amount of pollutants in the water.

If you have additional questions on the stormwater utility and stormwater pollution please contact the Village offices at 929-3765.