

The City of Oak Park recently adopted a modified billing method, which separates stormwater from water and sewer charges. All Oak Park property owners will incur a separate line item cost for stormwater utility fees effective July 1, 2020.



Information Resources

For further details about the stormwater utility fee and billing change, please visit the City's web page at:

www.oakparkmi.gov/stormwater.php.

If you have immediate questions related to the stormwater utility fee, please contact the Finance Department at (248) 691-7470 or kvandewalle@oakparkmi.gov.



IMPORTANT!

CHANGES TO YOUR WATER AND SEWER BILL EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

Faith-Based Organization Customers



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Why the change?

In 2016, the City of Oak Park was one of several cities in the state of Michigan confronted by a class-action lawsuit, which challenged the City's approach to billing stormwater treatment costs. The result of the recent lawsuit settlement requires the City of Oak Park to change the billing method to reflect each property's unique contribution to stormwater runoff into the sewer system. The City is required to implement billing changes by July 1, 2020.

What does this mean?

Most property owners of profit and nonprofit businesses in Oak Park may experience a bill increase, depending on property size and configuration.

What is the basis of the charges?

Stormwater originates from rainfall and melting snow and ice. Stormwater that does not evaporate can either soak into the ground, accumulate on land surfaces (which can cause flooding), or run off into the sewer system. The stormwater rate, which is based on the amount of stormwater a property discharges into the sewer system, depends on property size and how much of that property is occupied by pervious and impervious surfaces. Pervious surfaces, such as grass and dirt, allow rainwater to seep into the soil, while rainwater on impervious surfaces – such as cement or asphalt driveways, parking lots, and rooftops – runs off into the sewer system.

Virtual town hall for Oak Park faith-based organizations

On June 24th at 11:00 a.m., City Manager Erik Tungate, and his administrative staff, will host an online forum to provide Oak Park faith-based organization customers with additional information about the billing changes. The web-based meeting will take place using a videoconferencing platform. There will be an opportunity for questions from participants.

To participate in the Town Hall for Oak Park Faith-Based Organizations, please visit the City's web site at www.oakparkmi.gov/stormwater.php to log into the virtual event at least 10 minutes prior to the posted start time.

