

Stormwater Utility Fee Explanation

The stormwater utility fee is based on the number of equivalent residential units (ERUs) that have been calculated for each individual parcel. The equivalent residential unit, also referred to as equivalent runoff unit, is the average amount of impervious surface area on a single-family residential property in the City of Monroe. One ERU equals 2,618 square feet of impervious surface. The stormwater utility fee is billed monthly on the customer utility bill.

Residential Rates

Residential properties (including Mobile homes, Townhomes, Condominiums, and Apartment units) are grouped into a three-tier system based on the amount of impervious surface located on the property. Each of the three tier groups is assigned an ERU value and assessed a stormwater utility fee based on this value.

Tier	Area of Impervious Surface (in square feet)	ERU	Fee
1	0 – 1,500	0.7	\$3.68 per month
2	1,501 – 3,200	1.0	\$5.25 per month
3	3,201 and above	1.4	\$7.35 per month

Rates effective July 1, 2025

Non-residential rates

For non-residential property, the ERU is calculated by dividing the total impervious surface area of the property divided by one ERU or 2,618 square feet, and rounded to the nearest tenth. Each of these ERU values is then multiplied by the established monthly billing unit rate as fixed by City Council. The monthly stormwater utility billing unit rate is \$5.25, effective July 1, 2025.

- Calculating Equivalent Residential Units (ERUs) for Non-Residential Properties
$$\text{Total Impervious surface area (in sq.ft.)} \div 2,618 \text{ sq.ft. (1 ERU)} = \text{Total ERUs}$$
- Calculating Monthly Stormwater Utility Fee
$$\text{Total ERUs} \times \$5.25 = \text{Monthly Fee}$$

Example of calculating equivalent residential units and monthly stormwater utility fee



82,550 square feet of impervious surface area (impervious area shaded)

- Calculating ERUs: $82,550 \text{ sq.ft.} \div 2618 \text{ sq.ft.} = 31.5 \text{ ERUs}$
- Calculating monthly stormwater utility fee: $31.5 \text{ ERUs} \times \$5.25 = \$165.38$