

TOWN OF WELLESLEY



MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

20 MUNICIPAL WAY • WELLESLEY, MA 02481

NOTICE: IMPORTANT CHANGES TO YOUR UTILITY BILL

Dear Wellesley Property Owner:

Effective for bills issued on and after July 1, 2024, Wellesley property owners may begin to receive a bill for Wellesley's Stormwater Fee based on the table shown on the reverse side of this letter.

As you may be aware, in 2023 the Town of Wellesley adopted a new Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund similar to Wellesley's existing water, sewer, and electric utilities. The purpose of this new fund is to more equitably distribute the expenses that are required to meet increasing demands associated with the Town's stormwater management program. The first year of the Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund (FY2024) was funded through tax appropriations and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funds. Starting in July 2024, the enterprise will be funded through the new fee with residents and land-owners seeing the stormwater fee as part of their monthly utility billing.

This letter is being sent as a courtesy notice to make you aware of the upcoming fee and allow for appropriate budgeting in the upcoming year. In addition, we encourage you to learn more about our Credit Policy, which provides a discount on your bill for approved best management practices (BMPs) such as infiltration basins, porous pavement, and bioretention basins that mitigate negative impacts of stormwater runoff.

To learn more about the Stormwater Enterprise Utility Fund or submit a credit application, please scan the QR code below to visit <https://wellesleyma.gov/Stormwater>. For any additional questions, please contact dpw@wellesleyma.gov.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David J. Hickey, Jr.", located below the "Sincerely," text.

David J. Hickey, Jr., P.E.
Town Engineer

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STORMWATER FEE SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

Description	Impervious Area (ERUs)	Monthly Cost	Annual Total
Single Family Residential			
Tier 1 ($\leq 2,450$ ft ² IA)	0.7 ERUs	\$13.13	\$157.50
Tier 2 ($2,450$ ft ² < IA $\leq 4,150$ ft ²)	1 ERUs	\$18.75	\$225.00
Tier 3 ($4,150$ ft ² < IA $\leq 9,300$ ft ²)	1.7 ERUs	\$31.88	\$382.50
Tier 4 ($>9,300$ ft ² IA) – Proportional Fee	Varies	\$18.75/ERU	\$225/ERU
Non-Residential and Multi-Family Residential			
Proportional Fee	Varies	\$18.75/ERU	\$225/ERU

Notes:

1. The Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) is a commonly used method used in stormwater utilities to calculate service fees. This method is based on the impact of a typical single family residential (SFR) home's impervious area footprint. One ERU is defined as the median amount of impervious cover of all SFR parcels in Town ($3,100$ ft² in Wellesley). The impervious area is based upon existing data and mapping.
2. All SFR properties at or below $9,300$ square feet of impervious area are charged a tiered uniform fee of 0.7, 1, or 1.7 ERUs.
3. Non-single family residential and Tier 4 SFR properties with greater than $9,300$ square feet of impervious area are charged a Proportional Fee. The impervious area of these parcels is divided by $3,100$ ft² (1 ERU) to obtain the number of ERUs for each parcel, rounded to the nearest integer.
4. Property owners can apply for stormwater credits to reduce their costs. See the Stormwater Utility Credit Policy available at the Department of Public Works for more information.