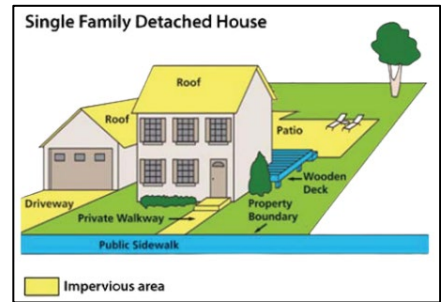


Stormwater Utility

A Fairer Way to Bill for Stormwater Services

About the Stormwater Utility and Credit Program



The County has changed how the Stormwater Management Program is funded. Since 2008, the stormwater program had been funded by a sanitary district tax based on a property's real estate assessment. Beginning in 2024, the County changed to a Stormwater Utility fee based on the amount of impervious area on a property (hard surfaces like roofs and driveways that don't let rain runoff soak into the ground, as shown in yellow at right).



The Stormwater Utility includes a credit program that rewards property owners who take actions to help water quality and reduce stormwater runoff by receiving a reduction in their Stormwater Utility fee. If you were required to install stormwater facilities for development, credit will be provided automatically if you complete your required inspection and maintenance on time. From November 1 - January 31 each year, all property owners in Arlington can apply for voluntary credits to offset up to 35% of their Stormwater Utility bill (\$80/ERU*). The credit will be calculated based on the mandatory and voluntary actions taken and the type of property (single-family residential or multi-family and non-residential), as shown below.

*Equivalent Residential Units (ERUs) are the billing unit for stormwater, which is estimated at 2,400 sq ft. Arlington has a fee rate per billing unit of \$258. Estimate the fee for your property at <https://arlingtonva.us/stormwaterutilityestimator>.

Stormwater Credits At-A-Glance

	 Single-Family Home, Townhome, or Duplex	 Multi-Family and Non-Residential
Mandatory Structural Up to 15%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stormwater facilities (LDA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stormwater facilities (LDA)
Voluntary Actions 5% each	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation landscaping Tree planting Rainwater collection* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation landscaping Tree planting Stormwater education event Storm drain marking
Voluntary Actions 10% each	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rain garden* Permeable driveway* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rain garden* Permeable parking lot/driveway* Adopt-a-Street Stream clean-up Invasive plant cleanup Parking lot/private street sweeping
Maximum Credit = 35% <i>*Existing actions are grandfathered in with appropriate documentation</i>		

Mandatory Stormwater Facility Credit (All Property Types)

In Arlington, construction projects disturbing more than 2,500 sq ft must apply for a land disturbing activity (LDA) permit and must install stormwater management facilities. The amount of the credit for these facilities will be based on the facility design standard, as shown at right. As long as you remain in compliance with the required stormwater facility inspections, credit will automatically be given, and no separate credit application is required.

Mandatory Credit Based on Size and Year of Construction Projects

- Installed before 2014 or Streamlined permit (LDA): **5%**
- Installed after 2014:
 - Less than 1 acre = **10%**
 - Over 1 acre = **15%**
 - LDA 2.0 = **15%**

Voluntary Credits

Residential

Credits available for residents who take voluntary actions to reduce runoff on their property include:

- Tree planting (1-3 trees, 1 inch caliper minimum, annual credit)
- New native plant landscaping (150 feet minimum, ongoing credit)
- New or existing permeable driveway (150 feet minimum, ongoing credit)
- New or existing rain garden (100 feet minimum, ongoing credit)
- New or existing rainwater collection (100-gallon minimum, ongoing credit)

Multi-Family and Non-Residential

In addition to the residential voluntary credit actions listed above, multi-family and non-residential facilities will also be eligible to receive credit for the following activities:

- A stormwater education event once per year with at least 30 attendees
- Parking lot / private street sweeping (6 times per year)
- 30 volunteer hours for activities such as:
 - Adopt-a-Street
 - Storm drain marking
 - Stream cleanup
 - Invasive plant removal



Take action anytime
during the calendar year!



Apply for the stormwater credit
program between Nov. 1 – Jan. 31
each year.