



**City of Coral Gables  
Public Works Department**

**What are Stormwater fees:**

1. Stormwater Utility fees are charged to residential and non-residential properties.
2. Stormwater is the runoff generated from impervious surfaces (like rooftops and parking lots) that limit the natural percolation of water into the ground.
3. The resulting excess water requires special structures/systems to help drain the excess water.
4. Fees collected go toward the planning, construction, operation and maintenance of stormwater management systems (drains, canals etc) and the reduction of pollutants and contaminants that are carried by stormwater.

**How are fees calculated:**

Residential: base fee per dwelling unit

Non-residential: determined by Equivalent Residential Units (ERU).

1 ERU = 2,346 sq. ft.

Total ERUs are calculated by dividing the total square footage of *impervious* surface by 2,346 square feet.

Residential: Increases from \$17.61 to \$19.07 per dwelling unit per month.

*Example:* \$19.07 x 3 (months) = \$57.21/quarter

Non-residential: \$19.07 per ERU

*Example:* Property has 5,000 sq. ft of IMPERVIOUS area

$5,000 \text{ sq.ft.} / 2,346.00 \text{ sq.ft.}$	$=$	2.1 ERU
$2.1 \text{ ERU} \times \$19.07$	$=$	\$40.05
$\$40.05 \times 3 \text{ (months)}$	$=$	\$120.14

**Why did it change:**

The City Commission determined that it is necessary to recover the City's cost of providing storm water and sanitary sewer systems and to ensure funding of the Sea Level Rise Program .