

2025 Stormwater Rates:

Garden City

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Rates:

Base Rate:	N/A
How many square feet is an ERU?	3,000 sqft
How much is charged per ERU?	\$4.75/month Flat until propoerty exceeds 9000 sqft (see below)
Formula for Calculation:	
Offer Credits? Yes or No	Yes- based on specific structural and non-structural stormwater controls https://www.gardencity-ga.gov/files/assets/city/v/1/public-works/documents/stormwater-utilities/stormwater-utility-credit-manual.pdf
Billing Inclusion?	Utility bill
Are there other rates offered: commercial, industrial, government, discounted rates, etc?	Yes
Nonresidential Fee:	\$4.75 per 3,000 sqft
Multi-Family Fee:	\$4.75 per 3,000 sqft
Additional Information: (Include screenshots if easier)	Most single family residential properties are charged 1 ERU per month, and non-single family

	properties are charged a custom amount based on total impervious area on property
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Online Rate Sheet: (include screenshot)

SW Utility Billing Procedures

How is the amount of impervious area calculated on properties within the City? The impervious area of *non-single family residential* parcels was derived/calculated using aerial photography and/or field verification methods. Aerial photography was also used to establish that the median amount of impervious area of *single family residential* parcels in the City. The median amount of impervious area or residential equivalent unit (REU) for a residential property has been established to be 3,000 square feet.

What is a Residential Equivalent Unit (REU)? A Residential Equivalent Unit (REU) is equal to the median (or the approximate average) amount of impervious area associated with the impervious area footprint of a typical single-family residential property within Garden City. It has been established that the median single-family property contains approximately 3,000 square feet of impervious area.

What is the City's SW Utility User Fee billing rate? The City has set the stormwater user fee rate at \$4.75 per REU per month.

How is the stormwater user fee charge calculated? Most single family residential (SFR) properties will be charged 1.0 REU per month, except as stipulated in Section 30-284 of the SW Utility Rate Ordinance. All non-single family residential (NSFR) properties will be charged a custom amount based on the total impervious area on the property. For example, if a NSFR commercial site had 30,000 square feet of impervious surface, that

customer would be charged 10 REUs per month. The NSFR calculation is 10 REUs multiplied by \$4.75/REU/month which equals \$47.50/month for the customer account.

- (e) Calculation of Charges. The periodic stormwater user fee charges imposed on all developed properties shall be \$4.75 multiplied by the number of REUs for each customer account.
- (1) The number of REUs that will be utilized to calculate the user fee charge shall be in accordance with the following:
- a. SFR Customer Class: Each SFR customer account shall be charged 1.0 REU per month unless one of the conditions outlined below applies.
 - (i) If two customer accounts are assigned to a SFR property (i.e. a duplex) then each customer account on that parcel will be charged 0.5 REU per month for billing purposes.
 - (ii) If the SFR property has an impervious surface amount that exceeds 9,000 square feet (or 3 REUs) then a custom stormwater user fee bill will be calculated for the customer account using the NSFR user fee charge calculation approach outlined herein.
 - b. NSFR Customer Class: Each NSFR customer shall be charged one REU for each 3,000 square feet, or increment thereof, of impervious surface located on the property to establish the total number of REUs for billing. Fractional REUs will be rounded to one decimal place to establish the number of REUs for billing each month.
 - c. Undeveloped Land Customer Class: Undeveloped land shall be assigned 0 REUs and will not receive a stormwater user fee bill.