

Stormwater Service Charges

Halifax Water Site Related Flow Charge

Highlights of how Halifax Water charges for stormwater service include:

- Tiering of Residential Properties. Since July 1, 2017, properties with more impervious area (concrete/ asphalt, driveway, roofs, etc.) pay more than those with less impervious area.

	Tier Parameters (Impervious Area in square metres)	Old Rate	Current Annual Rate	Number of Customers Affected
Tier 1	Less than 50m ²	\$33.39	\$0.00	2,326
Tier 2	50 to 200m ²	\$33.39	\$14.00	44,710
Tier 3	210 to 400m ²	\$33.39	\$27.00	31,041
Tier 4	410 to 800m ²	\$33.39	\$54.00	7,768
Tier 5	Greater than 810m ²	\$33.39	\$81.00	2,123

- More properties are now exempt from the Site Related Flow (SRF) charge – those with less than 50 square meters of impervious area.
- Customers are billed in increments of 10 square meters rather than billing based on 1 square meter of impervious area.
- There is a credit system for non-residential properties with best management practices such as retention ponds that help manage peak stormwater flows.
- Stormwater customers received a letter from Halifax Water to let them know which Site Related Flow (SRF) Tier they fall into.

HRM Right of Way Charge

Highlights of how Halifax Regional Municipality charges for their portion of stormwater service include:

- As directed by the NSUARB, Halifax Regional Municipality must pay for their share of stormwater expenses.
- Halifax Regional Municipality funds their portion of stormwater expenses through a Right of Way charge.
- From October 11, 2017, onward Halifax Water bills contain the HRM Right of Way Charge of \$39 which is used to fund the municipality's portion of stormwater expenses.
- In September 2016, this charge was on the final tax bill; however, in 2017 the HRM Right of Way Charge was removed from the property tax bill, and placed on the Halifax Water bill.

In an effort to better explain stormwater service, Halifax Water has significantly improved its website, with graphics, videos and a searchable Stormwater Service Boundary map.

The enhanced website provides information that is much easier to understand and navigate. Take a few minutes to visit www.halifaxwater.ca and check the front page links for full stormwater service information.



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