



Planning for the Future

Why Do We Need to Pay Stormwater Fees?

The Rockdale County Stormwater Utility operates like a business. The Stormwater Utility provides a service by keeping the County compliant with required environmental protection mandates and by maintaining stormwater infrastructure that protects our communities and water supply.

Stormwater infrastructure eventually deteriorates and must be repaired or replaced. The Stormwater Utility fees that residents pay are the only source of funding for the Stormwater Utility. Therefore, the Utility's successful operation is entirely dependent upon fees paid by residents. Not paying your stormwater fees is a violation of County ordinances and subject to penalties and prosecution.

How are Stormwater Fees Used?

- Respond to customer requests
- Inspect and clean stormwater infrastructure
- Repair and replace stormwater infrastructure
- Control and reduce flooding
- Protect and improve water quality
- Maintain compliance with local, state and federal regulators
- Educate and assist residents with stormwater issues

Things You Can Do to Reduce Pollution of Stormwater

1. Put litter in its place, not on the ground!
2. Never dump or pour any motor oil, chemicals, pet waste, trash, dirty or soapy water, leaves, grass, fertilizers, pesticides or anything else down a storm drain or in a drainage ditch!
3. Compost your yard waste.
4. Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly.
5. Sweep extra fertilizer, grass clippings and dirt on your driveway or road back onto your lawn.
6. Reduce, reuse and recycle the amount of cleaning and maintenance chemicals used.
7. Recycle your car batteries, used motor oil and vehicle fluid properly.

Contact the Stormwater Utility

General Questions: Main Office: 770-278-7155 or rcswu@rockdalecounty.org

Questions about your Stormwater Fee: 770-278-7155
stormwater.billing@rockdalecounty.org

Rockdale County Thanks You! The Stormwater Utility appreciates your help and continued support in protecting our state waters!



Stormwater Utility

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Stormwater Utility Prepares for the Future

The Stormwater Utility is currently preparing a Strategic Action Plan that will guide the Stormwater Utility's business operations and infrastructure management practices for many years into the future. As part of the plan development, recommendations for updated billing categories are being proposed to the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners (BOC). The new billing categories will be more equitable and will result in no change to the stormwater utility fee for the vast majority of stormwater customers.

The Utility is also participating in a study to update the impervious surface database. Having this information will allow more accurate evaluation of impervious surface, the basis for the stormwater fee, for every parcel in the County.

In addition, the Stormwater Utility will need to replace most of the County's corrugated metal pipe (CMP) in the next 15-20 years. The Utility must prepare for this expected expenditure.

The Stormwater Utility is asking for input from Customers through the website below. Please provide feedback to your Stormwater Utility by completing a short survey and help plan for the future!



Let us know your thoughts and ideas by completing an online survey via our website: XXXXX.XXXX

What is Stormwater Runoff?

Stormwater runoff is the portion of rainwater that is unable to soak into the ground. Stormwater can pick up debris, trash, dirt, grass clippings, leaves, pet waste, pesticides, fertilizers, chemicals, oil, grease, and other contaminants as it runs off of developed land. Stormwater runoff eventually flows into storm drain systems and releases into nearby lakes, rivers, creeks, streams or wetlands.



Understanding Stormwater

What is Stormwater Infrastructure?

Structures that collect, carry and/or release stormwater are considered storm drainage structures. Some examples of typical storm drainage structures are shown below.



Grate Inlet



End of Pipe



Junction Box



Catch Basin



Drainage Ditch



Box Culvert

Who is Responsible for Maintaining the Stormwater Infrastructure?

Maintaining, repairing and replacing the stormwater drainage infrastructure system is a team effort, and responsibility is determined by property ownership as listed below:

- **Rockdale County:** infrastructure that is located within Rockdale County-owned property, County rights-of-way, and easements accepted by Rockdale County.
- The **City of Conyers:** infrastructure that is located within the City of Conyers limits outside the jurisdiction of Rockdale County.
- The **Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT):** infrastructure located within GDOT rights-of-way, outside the jurisdiction of Rockdale County.
- **Property Owners:** drainage easements, private roads, detention ponds and other facilities located within private property.