

Why am I being charged a fee for “Stormwater” on my water bill?

Many of our daily activities and uncontrollable weather conditions have a significant impact on our community as a whole. Polluted stormwater runoff can adversely affect each and every citizen, no matter where they live within the community

When it rains and water runs off your roof, you are adding to the stormwater runoff problem.

The Town of Oak Island is **required**, under Federal and State Law, to design and implement a comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan, which will include the following:

1. Inventory of all the Stormwater drains and ditches on the island.
2. Inspection of the Stormwater drain system on a regular basis.
3. Repair and/or replacement of Stormwater drains as needed.
4. Ongoing maintenance of swales and ditches.
5. Long term project goal of installing special piping in current open ditches to reduce runoff.
6. Produce a site map showing drainage system for the entire island.
7. Design and implement a Public Education and Outreach Program to inform citizens of stormwater impacts.
8. Design and implement a Public Involvement and Citizen Participation Program to include the formation of a Stormwater Advisory Board.
9. Design and implement an Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Plan to include an Illicit Discharge Ordinance.
10. Construction site runoff controls
11. Post-Construction site runoff controls
12. Design and implement Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping Plan for facilities owned by the town.
13. Monitoring of water quality in the Davis Canal and Intracoastal Waterway.

This Stormwater Management Plan is an integral part of the NPDES Phase II Stormwater Permitting process, which the town is required to obtain in 2004. Failure to meet the deadline and/or the requirements for application of the Stormwater Permit can result in **penalties** being assessed against the Town of Oak Island. And...now you know.