

Port Orchard Stormwater & Watershed Management

City of Port Orchard Stormwater Rates

The goal of the city of Port Orchard Stormwater program is to protect people, property & natural resources by managing stormwater runoff and preventing stormwater pollution. The program is funded through utility fee & a newly adopted capitol charge assessed to each developing property within the incorporated city limits.

Stormwater rate is used for...



Building new & improving existing stormwater facilities to reduce flooding, improve water quality, increase fish passage, and provide habitat.



Operating, maintaining, and overseeing over 64 miles of stormwater pipes, over 3,800 storm drains/catch basins, over 1200 stormwater structures and facilities that treat stormwater.



Education & outreach activities that help inform residents about what they can do to reduce stormwater runoff and keep water clean.



Preventing pollution from reaching the Puget Sound through inspections and monitoring, as well as spill prevention and response.



Project Types

*Regional Stormwater Facility *Estuary Restoration
*Floodplain Restoration *Culvert Improvements & Replacements

Compared to other places...

Port Orchard's stormwater fee is one of the lowest in the region. Annual stormwater rates for a single family residence in 2023.

Jurisdiction in Kitsap County 2023

City of Bremerton	\$258
City of Bainbridge Island	\$226
City of Poulsbo	\$251
City of Port Orchard	\$168

To keep bi-monthly rates lower for everyone the City of Port Orchard is introducing a Capital Facilities Charge (CFC). This will help fund the City's stormwater & watershed program. On June 1, 2024, the City of Port Orchard will implement a CFC for stormwater on NEW development. CFCs are one-time fees paid during development to recover a share of system capacity costs for accommodating growth. CFCs aim to provide equity between existing and new customers and serve as a funding source for system capital costs as growth occurs.



The below table shows rate increases through the year 2028. This adjustment comes as a response to the growing need for infrastructure improvements, maintenance, & compliance with environmental regulations.

Stormwater rates & fees

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Monthly Rate	\$18	\$24	\$31	\$32	\$33
Change to monthly rate	\$4	\$6	\$7	\$1	\$1