

STORMWATER DISCHARGE PERMITS – FEE INCREASE

As of July 1, 2010, fees for the processing of stormwater permit applications, and annual operating fees for stormwater permits increased. These fees now apply to both individual permits, and for projects seeking coverage under a general permit.

There are three separate categories of stormwater permit fees:

1. An **administrative processing fee** must be paid at the time of application for a discharge permit, or when requesting the transfer, renewal, or amendment of an existing permit.
2. An **application review fee** is based on the total impervious area of a project. This fee is for the initial review of an application for authorization to discharge from a new project, an amendment to an existing permit that adds new impervious area, or a project seeking coverage under a general permit. This fee will apply to projects that are not currently covered under a valid discharge permit.
3. All projects that are permitted to discharge collected stormwater runoff must also pay an **annual operating fee** based on the amount of permitted impervious area.

As provided for in Section 52 of 3 V.S.A. § 2822, and as modified by Act 134 of the 2010 General Assembly, and effective July 1, 2010, fees for stormwater discharge permits are as follows:

Fee Type	Applicability	Fee
Administrative Processing Fee	All applications; for new permits, amendments, renewals, and permit transfer requests.	\$100.00 per request
Application Review Fee	Applications for an individual discharge permit, or for authorization to discharge under a general permit.	Class A Waters: \$1170.00 per acre of impervious surface Class B Waters: \$360.00 per acre of impervious surface Minimum fee: \$180.00
Annual Operating Fee	All projects permitted under an individual permit, or an authorization to discharge under a general permit.	Class A Waters: \$255.00 per acre of impervious surface Class B Waters: \$66.00 per acre of impervious surface Minimum fee: \$60.00