

Want to save money on your drainage fee?

If so you may be eligible for the stormwater facility credit program



Stormwater Facility Credit Program

The Stormwater Facility Credit Program (SFCP) is a credit program for property owners with stormwater systems that help reduce the impact of stormwater on the City's system. Systems that provide stormwater flow control and/or provide water quality treatment are eligible for the program.

What are Stormwater Systems?

Stormwater systems are structures such as vaults, rain gardens, permeable pavements and filtration systems that provide water quality treatment and/or slow down stormwater flow from impervious surfaces like roof tops, driveways or walkways. Turn the page over to see pictures of common facilities.

Maintenance Requirements

in order for you to receive or continue to receive credit property owners are responsible for ensuring that the stormwater system is operating properly in accordance to the Seattle Stormwater code (SMC 22.800). Seattle Public Utilities may conduct on-site inspections to verify that facilities are functioning and being maintained..

Who Qualifies?

Any parcel property owner with a fully functioning, well maintained stormwater system that is in compliance with the City Stormwater code (SMC 22.800) standards can qualify for the program. Large parcels with large amounts of impervious surface being managed by a stormwater system typically benefit the most from the program; however the program is open to everyone.

If you live in a Single Family Home, the Residential RainWise program may be right for you.

Typically, single family homes do not have stormwater systems that qualify for the Stormwater Facility Credit Program. But you can still help improve water quality by installing green stormwater infrastructure. For information and technical assistance in installing green stormwater infrastructure on your property through the Residential RainWise program, visit www.seattle.gov/util/rainwise.

Program website: www.seattle.gov/util/sfc

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Common Stormwater Facility Systems



Permeable Pavement

Permeable Pavement is a paving system which allows rainwater to percolate through the system into the underlying soil or an aggregate reservoir. They are designed to slow down the flow of stormwater and can be used on walk ways or driveways instead of solid concrete or cement surfaces.



Oil/Water Separator (coalescing plate)

Oil Water separators are systems designed to separate oil and water from each other and allow the oil to stay in the system while letting the clean water discharge out. There are two types of oil water separators, the baffle system called American Petroleum Institute (API) or coalescing plate system (CP) as shown.



Detention System (Flow Control Structure)

A detention system is a large pipe or vault that holds rain water on the property and then allows water to flow slowly through a “flow control structure”. The flow control structure has a small hole at the bottom of the pipe that meters the amount of water that can drain out of the detention system.



Bioretention System

Bioretention systems are shallow depressions in the ground designed with a soil mix and plants adapted to the local climate and soil conditions. Bioretention systems can both detain and treat stormwater. They can be designed to take rain water from roof tops, driveways or parking areas.

For more information about stormwater systems and the credit visit our website @ www.seattle.gov/util/sfc