

# NEW STORMWATER CHARGE COMING SOON

There will be a new stormwater charge for all Brampton properties, starting later this year.

## WHAT IS STORMWATER?

Stormwater, also called runoff, is the rain and melted snow flowing from our properties on to our streets and into a stormwater management system that includes more than 1400 kilometre of storm sewer pipes and 180 stormwater ponds.

Brampton is growing. As more people move here and businesses continue to grow, and as we see more frequent and intense storms due to the effects of climate change, the amount of water running off roofs and parking lots is increasing.

If left uncontrolled, the runoff can cause flooding, erosion, environmental damage and impact public safety. It can also carry harmful materials that pollute our waterways.

Information on this new charge to homeowners and commercial property owners can be found at

**[brampton.ca/stormwater](https://brampton.ca/stormwater)**.

## HOW MUCH WILL I PAY?

The Stormwater Charge is a fair and equitable means of paying for stormwater services, and is based on the amount of runoff from your property. It will be listed as Stormwater Charge on the Regional water bill and will show the number of billing units for the property, the daily rate being charged, the total number of days included in the bill cycle along with the total Stormwater Charge amount.

There will be further information provided to you before the first bills are sent out.

## WHY DO I NEED TO PAY FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT?

Brampton has more than \$1 billion worth of stormwater infrastructure that protects your property and our environment.

Maintenance of this infrastructure costs \$23 million a year. Currently, property taxes provide for only \$6 million. Brampton is following the best practice of introducing a separate stormwater charge, as adopted by numerous other municipalities in Ontario.

These charges are in place to ensure that we can provide dedicated and sustainable funding for stormwater services that increase public safety, reduce flooding and erosion, and protects property and the environment.