



WASTEWATER USER FEES

WHAT IS THE WUF?

The Wastewater User Fee assists with the management and operations of the Territory's Wastewater Treatment System. The VIWMA charges an annual Wastewater User Fee (WUF), formerly referred to as the Sewer User Fee. This fee is charged and collected on the property tax bill that is issued by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor's Office of the Tax Assessor annually.

HOW ARE FEES USED?

Wastewater User Fees support the Authority's wastewater program's purpose of protecting our community's health, safety, and local environment as well as protecting our natural resources and recreational assets. WUFs provide necessary funding to operate and maintain existing wastewater treatment facilities and fulfill capital improvement projects that help meet new and more stringent regulatory requirements.

HOW ARE FEES DETERMINED?

The fees are expressed as an Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). The ERU is a base fee that is charged to residential and commercial users of the system and is determined by the number of units on the anticipated volume of sewage treated. There are three user classifications.

- Owners of Residential Properties – means a single person, family or other living unit in a building for single or multiple family dwelling purposes.
- Owners of Non-Residential Properties – means a single business, professional, industrial, governmental, religious or other entity.
- Properties with Multiple Use - means a single building used by multiple businesses.

In August 2014, the VIWMA received approval from the Public Service Commission (PSC) to increase the Wastewater User Fee (WUF) on the 2014 property tax bill. The current charge for wastewater services is \$50 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). Commencing with the 2014 property tax bill, that fee will be increased to \$110.77 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU).

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