

Chapter 173-224 WAC, Wastewater Discharge Permit Fees

What is Chapter 173-224 WAC?

The Wastewater Discharge Permit Fee Rule (Chapter 173-224 WAC) establishes annual permit fees to holders of wastewater and stormwater discharge permits. The fees pay the Department of Ecology's costs to manage the wastewater and stormwater permits.

Summary of the rule changes adopted on September 28, 2009.

Ecology recently adopted the following amendments to the fee rule:

- Increase fees by 5.20 percent for fiscal year 2010 (July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010) and 4.61 percent for fiscal year 2011 (July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011) for the following permit fee categories:
 - Aquaculture.
 - Shellfish Hatching.
 - Aquatic Pest Control.
 - Boatyard General Permits.
 - Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations.
 - Construction Stormwater General Permits.
 - Dairies.
 - Domestic Wastewater Municipalities.
 - Individual Construction and/or Industrial Stormwater Permits.
 - Industrial Stormwater General Permits.
 - Phase 1 and Phase 2 Municipal Stormwater Permits.
 - Privately-Owned Domestic Wastewater Facilities.
- Eliminate prorating of fees to the fiscal quarter for permits terminated during the fiscal year.
- Clarify language in the "Small Business/Extreme Hardship Fee Reduction" section so construction stormwater permit holders know they can apply for these reductions if they meet the established criteria.

MORE INFORMATION

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Rule becomes effective 31 days later.

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Response to Comments

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