



# Storm Water Management Plans

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As part of its effort to improve the quality of local waterways and to meet federal and state water quality requirements, the City of Milwaukee has adopted an ordinance governing how storm water runoff must be controlled. Among other things, this ordinance requires that a Storm Water Management Plan be submitted when development or redevelopment activities:

- 1) Cause a land disturbing activity of 1 acre or more.
- 2) Cause the cumulative area of all land disturbing activities at a property to be 1 acre or more over a 3-year period.
- 3) Cause an increase of 0.5 acres or more of impervious area

No building permit will be issued until the City Engineer has approved the required Storm Water Management Plan.

A Storm Water Management Plan addresses the effects of the proposed project on the volume and quality of storm water runoff. Plans consist of a 5-page application along with drawings showing the existing and proposed conditions of the site. The original application must be signed and stamped by a registered professional engineer. An original and four copies of the entire application must be submitted to the Milwaukee Development Center, located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor at 809 N. Broadway. Plans also may be submitted directly to the Public Works Department's Environmental Engineering Section (room 820, Zeidler Municipal Building, 841 N. Broadway).

Copies of the Storm Water Management Plan application and the Storm Water Management ordinance are available at no cost from the Department of Public Works

in Room 820. Detailed information on completing the application can be found in the "Manual of Storm Water Management Practices". This document is available in the Storm Water Management Program portion of the "Green Milwaukee" section at [www.city.milwaukee.gov](http://www.city.milwaukee.gov).

The Environmental Engineering section reviews applications within 15 working days, at which time the plan is approved, rejected, or additional information requested. When additional information is required, the preparer of the application is so notified. There is then another 15 working day period for review of the additional information. Depending upon how long it takes to submit any required additional information, the entire approval process for Storm Water Management Plans generally takes 5 to 6 weeks from the initial submission date.

Anyone who may require a Storm Water Management Plan as part of a development proposal is encouraged to contact the Environmental Engineering section at (414) 286-0514.

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## QUICK FACTS

Application Fee: \$125 (charged at time of building permit application)  
Related Fees: None  
Final Approval By: The City Engineer  
Typical Review & Approval Time: 5-6 weeks  
For More Information Call: (414) 286-0514  
or visit the Storm Water Management Program at the "Green Milwaukee" section of [www.city.milwaukee.gov](http://www.city.milwaukee.gov).