Adams County's annual Stormwater Utility (SWU) fee is a mechanism used to fund the design, construction, and maintenance of the public storm drainage system within unincorporated Adams County. Visit www.adcogov.org/stormwater to view the service area map.

#### What is the storm drainage system?

The storm drainage system is a combination of underground pipes, inlets, drainage ditches, and ponds designed to collect and convey surface water runoff.

# What is the difference between the storm drainage system and the sanitary sewer?

The storm drainage system collects, conveys, and discharges outdoor drains directly into local streams and rivers. This flow, unlike indoor sanitary drains, does not enter a wastewater treatment plant.

### What is an illicit discharge?

An illicit discharge is any discharge that is not composed entirely of stormwater. Per Adams County Illicit Discharge Ordinance No. 11, it is unlawful for any person to intentionally or accidentally allow any liquid or solid waste to enter the storm drainage system. For example, washing paint brushes along the curb where the paint and wastewater travels into a storm sewer inlet is an illicit discharge. Stormwater pollution may pose an adverse toxic effect on aquatic life, plants, animals, and people. Please report any unauthorized substance entering the storm sewer system to: 720.523.6400 or e-mail swq@adcogov.org (call 911 for emergencies).

#### Did you know?

Homeowners within unincorporated Adams County can now qualify for a 5% discount in the premium cost of flood insurance from the National Flood Insurance Program. You can save money on policies issued or renewed in Special Flood Hazard Areas on or after October 1, 2016. The discount is a result of the flood mitigation activities implemented by Adams County to protect lives and reduce property damage.

## Pay online at www.adcogov.org/stormwater. It's free, quick, and easy!

Save time and money on postage. You will need to enter your Customer Number. Payments are due by Friday, June 30.

### New: Pay over the phone!

Call 1.800.487.4567. Tell the operator you need to pay Adams County, Transportation, Stormwater Utility in Colorado.

#### 2017 Calendar Events:

Proper disposal of electronic waste, unused paint, and chemical waste is vital to ensuring that our streams and rivers stay clean. Thank you for participating in these efforts to make Adams County cleaner and greener! For more information, please visit www.adcogov.org/community-resources

**4/1/17: Electronic Waste Collection:** Adams County Regional Park, 9755 Henderson Rd, Brighton (9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.). Small fees apply

**4/22/17: FREE Paint Collection Event:** Thornton IMC, 12450 Washington St, Thornton (9 a.m.-2 p.m.)

**5/6/17: Household Chemical Roundup:** Water World, 8801 North Pecos St. Federal Heights (9 a.m.-3 p.m.). \$25/car

**8/26/17: Electronic Waste Collection Event:** Thornton IMC, 12450 Washington St, Thornton (9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.). Small fees apply

**9/16/17: Household Chemical Roundup:** Thornton IMC, 12450 Washington St., Thornton (9 a.m.-3 p.m.). \$25/car

October 2017 (date TBD): FREE Paint Collection Event in Eastern Adams County: 355 S. First St, Bennett

CONTACT US: 720.523.6400, swq@adcogov.org

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Hours: Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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