

# Storm Water Management

The City of Choctaw, Oklahoma, is working to meet the requirements of the Phase 2 storm water program rule. By developing a strict storm water ordinance, implementing a storm water user fee, educating our citizens, and better tracking the generation and discharge locations of storm water, the City meets and fulfills this unfunded federal mandate, which sets certain requirements for the City to meet:

Apply for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit coverage thru the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Develop and implement the storm water management program using [best management practices \(BMPs\)](#) that include a minimum of six control measures.

Develop an operation and maintenance program.

**PURPOSE:** To prevent the discharge of pollutants to storm water in the course of conducting all outside operations and maintenance work at the City of Choctaw.

**GOAL:** Analyzing, inspecting, maintaining, and supporting the day to day operation of ditches, outfalls, storm sewer cleaning, storm sewer construction and roadside ditch crews throughout the city.

To date, the completed tasks by the City include several elements:

- A NPDES Storm Water General Permit
- A Storm Water Utility Ordinance (Completed and approved on 12/12/2005)
- A Storm Water Fee of \$3.00 (initiated on May 1, 2006)
- The Illicit Discharge and Connections Ordinance (Completed and approved on 6/27/2006)
- The hiring of a storm water compliance officer to oversee the elements of the approved General Permit (July 2007)
- Appointed Chad Denson as Storm Water Coordinator.

The City's storm water utility fee mentioned above funds the overall required storm water management program. A storm water master plan has been developed that includes information such as a construction site and post-construction runoff control, pollution prevention and good housekeeping and mapping and inventorying.

The goal is to reduce storm water's impact on its local waterway by reducing and preventing future flooding, thereby enhancing the livability of the city. In the future, the plan will be amended to include infrastructure inventory, basin hydrology modeling results, flood potential information, and potential

solutions to flooding problems.

For more information call the Public Works Department or the City Planner at 405-390-8198. Helpful information can be found at the links below and several of our forms are linked below for your convenience.

**Useful Links:**

[Storm Water Impacts](#)

[How to Handle Household Hazardous Waste](#)

[Caring for Your Septic System](#)

[Planting for Clean Water](#)

**Useful Forms:**

[City Ground Clearing Form](#) (1 Acre or less of excavation)

[ODEQ Notice of Intent \(NOI\) form \(OK R10\)](#) (More than 1 Acre of excavation)

[Erosion and Pollution Control Inspection Report Form](#)