

# Pay rainwater charges

Would you like to know how high the fees for rainwater are and how they are calculated?  
You can find out more here.

## Competent Department

- [hanseWasser Bremen GmbH](#)

## Basic information

Since April 1, 2024, there have been two changes to the billing of wastewater charges.

- Firstly, the fees have been adjusted.
- Secondly, the fee model has been changed.

There are new features for property owners whose sealed surface area is less than 1,000 m<sup>2</sup>: in future, they will receive separate fee notices for wastewater and rainwater (stormwater). The so-called wastewater fee will no longer exist in future

The drainage fee is made up of 2 parts for all properties:

1. The discharge and treatment of wastewater.
2. The discharge and treatment of rainwater (precipitation water).

Rainwater is water that is discharged from the properties into the sewer network.

This rainwater charge is calculated according to the size of the built-up and paved areas and their type of paving, provided they are connected to the sewer system. These can be roof areas, paths or courtyard areas, for example.

From 01 April 2024, the disposal of rainwater will cost EUR 0.83 per square meter of sealed surface. This is 0.03 euros more than before.

The fee adjustment applies for the period from April 1, 2024 to December 31, 2026.

## Requirements

- Owner:in of a property or authorized user of the property.

## What documents do I need?

- Completed questionnaire
  - or digital voluntary self-declaration in advance (fill in the form on the hansewasser homepage)

## Procedure

- For the rainwater charge, the areas on the property that are relevant for the charge must first be determined.
  - In order to determine the sealed areas, aerial photographs are first taken and evaluated. This is expected to take until mid-2025.
- Property owners or other authorized parties are expected to receive survey forms with an overview graphic of the built-up areas of the property from 2025.
- Check the calculation basis using some of the questions contained in the survey form. The survey form also includes an auxiliary form for completion.
  - Consultation options will also be set up to provide assistance as soon as the survey forms are sent out. Contact details will be provided together with the survey forms.
- Please return the completed survey form.
- The complete changeover should be completed by the end of 2026.
- You will then receive notification of the rainwater fees from hanseWasser Bremen GmbH by 2027 at the latest, in which the fee from 01.04.2024 to the current billing period will then be billed.
  - If you have any questions about the notice and billing, please contact hanseWasser.
- Property owners who need the statement earlier, for example because they pass the fees on to tenants, can inform hanseWasser Bremen GmbH in advance of their sealed areas and areas connected to the sewer using a digital form. You can find the link to the form under "Further information" - "Forms" - "Self-disclosure for the rainwater fee".

## Legal bases

- [§ 6 Entwässerungsgebührenortsgesetz \(EGebOG\)](#)
- [§ 8 Entwässerungsgebührenortsgesetz \(EGebOG\)](#)

## More information

- Nothing will change for properties with a sealed area of more than 1000 m<sup>2</sup>. In the past, there was already one charge for wastewater and one for rainwater.
- Further information on the change in wastewater charges can be found on the website of the Senator for the Environment, Climate and Science. You can find the link under "Further information" - "Where can I find out more?"
- Information on the wastewater fee can be found in the service description "Paying the wastewater fee". You can find the link there under "Further information" - "Where can I find out more?"

## What deadlines must be paid attention to?

Deadlines can be found in the survey form.

## **How long does it take to process**

2024 - 2025: Creation of aerial images and evaluation.

2025: Involvement of property owners via survey questionnaire.

2026: The changeover to the new fee structure should be complete.

## **What are the costs?**

EUR 0.83 per square meter of sealed surface area is charged for the disposal of rainwater.