

Charges for La Crosse's new stormwater utility have yet to appear on water bills. But you can start applying for water saving credits to lower your bill now. Any activity that cleans or retains storm runoff is eligible for credits. Bernie Lenz, in the city's engineering department, says some quick applications have been created to cover things like rain barrels and rain gardens. A longer process would apply if you the credit was for a mitigation procedure that was unusual. Get enough credits, he says, you can knock eighty percent off your stormwater bill. So far, Lenz has yet to receive any stormwater credit applications.