

3 Design Rainfall

3.1 Rainfall Intensity Duration Frequency

The City evaluated precipitation based on NOAA Atlas 14, Volume 11 Texas statewide precipitation study. This study updated precipitation frequency estimates for Texas and replaces previous precipitation estimate studies. The revised rainfall data will be the standard for Design for the City of New Braunfels.

Runoff shall be calculated in accordance with Section 4 using the updated precipitation values as shown in Tables 3-1 and 3-2. The 100-year (1% AC) 24-hour rainfall depth for City of New Braunfels is 13.1 inches. The data published by NOAA Atlas 14 varies linearly across the City. The values shown below are taken from the highest rainfall data within the City limits.

Table 3-1: New Braunfels Atlas 14 Area Depth-Duration Value.

Year	Depth-Duration-Frequency (inches)									
	5-Min	15-Min	1-Hr	2-Hr	3-Hr	6-Hr	12-Hr	24-Hr	2-day	3-day
2	0.528	1.06	1.96	2.4	2.67	3.13	3.59	4.08	4.66	5.05
5	0.664	1.33	2.45	3.08	3.47	4.14	4.79	5.48	6.27	6.78
10	0.781	1.66	2.88	3.71	4.23	5.13	5.97	6.86	7.82	8.43
25	0.946	1.88	3.5	4.63	5.39	6.66	7.82	8.99	10.2	10.9
50	1.08	2.14	3.97	5.4	6.39	8.03	9.46	10.9	12.3	13.1
100	1.22	2.41	4.49	6.26	7.54	9.62	11.4	13.1	14.7	15.6
500	1.57	3.09	5.95	8.74	10.8	14.2	17.1	19.8	22	23.1

Table 3-2 shows rainfall intensities by storm event. The intensities were calculated based off the depth duration table for each frequency storm. Durations range from 5 minutes up to 1 day for recurrence intervals from the 2-year to 500-year storm events, which will be the standard design for New Braunfels.

The City requires all flood study submittals to be performed using rainfall data presented in the document. If a FEMA submittal is required for the purpose of a map revision or amendment such as a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) or Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) or a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA), FEMA will require the hydrologic and hydraulic models to be updated based on the information used for the Current Effective Flood Insurance Study (FIS). In which case, the City requires two separate submittals. One, which uses FEMA data and will be submitted for FEMA map revisions and incorporation upon City Floodplain Administrator's (FPA) approval; another which uses the guidelines published in this manual and will be submitted for review and approval by the City Engineer or his/her designee.

Regardless of a FEMA submittal, the City will require a signed and sealed memo or report, summarizing the hydrologic and hydraulic analysis as illustrated in this manual, for all improvements adjacent to a mapped or un-mapped stream with a contributing drainage area greater than 200 acres.

Formatted: Indent: Left: 0"

Deleted: The City evaluated area rainfall data in 2011 following the procedures outlined in United States Geological Survey (USGS) *Water Resources Investigation Report 98-4044* [1]. The data set used in 2011 included several significant rain events that occurred after the USGS analysis. The City determined that the following rainfall data was more appropriate for use in this area than the USGS analysis. Rainfall intensities will be computed using the Intensity Duration Frequency (IDF) equation (Equation 3-1) below and appropriate design frequency coefficients provided in Table 3-1. This equation is to be used only with time of concentrations between 10 minutes and 3 hours.
 Equation 3-1

$$I = \frac{b}{(T_c + d)^e}$$
 Where:
 I = Rainfall intensity (in/hr)
 T_c = Time of concentration (min)
 b, d, e = Rainfall intensity constants.

Deleted: Rainfall Intensity Constants

Formatted: Indent: Left: 0"

Deleted: ¶

Page Break

Formatted: Not Highlight

Formatted: Font: (Default) +Body (Calibri), 11 pt, Font color: Auto, Not Highlight

Table 3-2: New Braunfels Rainfall Intensities by Storm Event

Time (minutes)	Rainfall Intensity (inches/hour) by Storm Frequency						
	2	5	10	25	50	100	500
5	6.34	7.97	9.37	11.35	12.96	14.64	18.84
6	5.98	7.53	8.88	10.78	12.29	13.88	17.72
7	5.70	7.18	8.47	10.30	11.73	13.24	16.83
8	5.45	6.88	8.11	9.87	11.24	12.68	16.08
9	5.24	6.61	7.79	9.48	10.79	12.17	15.42
10	5.05	6.36	7.50	9.12	10.38	11.70	14.82
11	4.87	6.13	7.23	8.78	9.99	11.26	14.27
12	4.70	5.92	6.97	8.45	9.61	10.83	13.76
13	4.54	5.71	6.72	8.13	9.25	10.42	13.27
14	4.39	5.51	6.47	7.82	8.90	10.03	12.81
15	4.24	5.32	6.24	7.52	8.56	9.64	12.36
16	4.10	5.14	6.03	7.26	8.25	9.29	11.93
17	3.97	4.98	5.83	7.02	7.98	8.98	11.54
18	3.86	4.83	5.66	6.81	7.74	8.71	11.19
19	3.75	4.69	5.50	6.62	7.51	8.46	10.88
20	3.65	4.57	5.36	6.45	7.31	8.23	10.59
21	3.57	4.46	5.23	6.29	7.12	8.01	10.33
22	3.48	4.35	5.10	6.14	6.95	7.82	10.09
23	3.41	4.26	4.99	6.00	6.79	7.64	9.86
24	3.34	4.17	4.88	5.87	6.64	7.47	9.65
25	3.27	4.08	4.78	5.75	6.50	7.32	9.46
26	3.20	4.00	4.69	5.64	6.37	7.17	9.27
27	3.14	3.93	4.60	5.53	6.25	7.03	9.10
28	3.09	3.85	4.52	5.43	6.13	6.90	8.94
29	3.03	3.79	4.44	5.33	6.02	6.78	8.79
30	2.98	3.72	4.36	5.24	5.92	6.66	8.64
31	2.93	3.66	4.29	5.15	5.82	6.55	8.50
32	2.88	3.60	4.22	5.07	5.73	6.44	8.37
33	2.84	3.54	4.15	4.99	5.63	6.34	8.24
34	2.79	3.49	4.09	4.91	5.55	6.24	8.12
35	2.75	3.43	4.02	4.84	5.46	6.15	8.00
36	2.71	3.38	3.96	4.77	5.38	6.06	7.89
37	2.67	3.33	3.90	4.70	5.30	5.97	7.78
38	2.63	3.28	3.85	4.63	5.23	5.89	7.68
39	2.59	3.24	3.79	4.57	5.16	5.80	7.58
40	2.55	3.19	3.74	4.50	5.09	5.73	7.48
41	2.52	3.14	3.69	4.44	5.02	5.65	7.38
42	2.48	3.10	3.64	4.38	4.95	5.58	7.29
43	2.45	3.06	3.59	4.32	4.88	5.50	7.20
44	2.42	3.02	3.54	4.27	4.82	5.43	7.12
45	2.38	2.98	3.49	4.21	4.76	5.36	7.03
46	2.35	2.94	3.45	4.16	4.70	5.30	6.95
47	2.32	2.90	3.40	4.11	4.64	5.23	6.87
48	2.29	2.86	3.36	4.06	4.58	5.17	6.79
49	2.26	2.82	3.31	4.00	4.53	5.11	6.71
50	2.23	2.79	3.27	3.95	4.47	5.04	6.64
51	2.20	2.75	3.23	3.91	4.42	4.98	6.56
52	2.17	2.72	3.19	3.86	4.36	4.93	6.49
53	2.14	2.68	3.15	3.81	4.31	4.87	6.42
54	2.11	2.65	3.11	3.76	4.26	4.81	6.35
55	2.08	2.61	3.07	3.72	4.21	4.76	6.28
56	2.06	2.58	3.03	3.67	4.16	4.70	6.21
57	2.03	2.55	2.99	3.63	4.11	4.65	6.14
58	2.00	2.51	2.95	3.59	4.06	4.59	6.08
59	1.98	2.48	2.92	3.54	4.02	4.54	6.01
60	1.95	2.45	2.88	3.50	3.97	4.49	5.95
120	1.20	1.54	1.86	2.32	2.70	3.13	4.37
180	0.89	1.16	1.41	1.80	2.13	2.51	3.60
240	0.71	0.93	1.14	1.47	1.75	2.08	3.02
360	0.52	0.69	0.85	1.11	1.34	1.60	2.37
720	0.30	0.40	0.50	0.65	0.79	0.95	1.43
1440	0.17	0.23	0.29	0.37	0.45	0.55	0.83

Deleted: <#>Rainfall Depth Duration Frequency
 <#>The appropriate rainfall depths for calculations in the New Braunfels area are provided in Table 3-2.

Deleted: <#>Area Depth-Duration Value