

SUMP PUMPS

The City has strict regulations to reduce extraneous flows to sanitary sewers and will begin to enforce the code to have sump pumps and perimeters removed from the sanitary sewer to help eliminate storm water from being pumped into sanitary sewers and the possibility of homes and business's basements being flooded from this practice.

Find your sump pump. If the sump pump is connected to any other pipe in your home, it is most likely improperly connected. The drainage pipe from your sump pump should go from the pump directly outside your home at ground level. When a sump pump is re-plumbed to pump ground water to the yard or storm sewer, that water no longer takes up space in the sanitary sewer system.

LOT DRAINAGE TIPS

1. Install an effective drainage system and keep downspouts clean.
2. Keep your drainage system clear so that water can move freely down and away from the side of your home.
3. Attach extensions so that water is delivered at least 10 feet from the foundations.
4. Disconnect any downspouts or "clear" water connections that drain directly into the sanitary sewer system.
5. Grade and landscape your lot to move water away from the house.
6. Ensure a positive slope away from the wall for at least the first 10 feet. The ground should drop a minimum of 6 inches in this area.
7. Use landscaping to disperse the water more evenly.
8. Seal the cracks between your house and your driveway or sidewalk.

IF YOU HAVE A SUMP PUMP

1. Sump pump pipes should discharge water at least one foot from the foundation wall. (The flow from here should meet or exceed the slope of 6 inches for the first 10 feet).
2. If your sump pump discharges on the found, place a splash pad below where the sump pump discharge pipe comes through the foundation wall.
3. Never turn off your sump pump. If you can, have a spare pump in the house, just in case.
4. It is dangerous to drain sump water onto the sidewalk. The resulting algae and ice build-up create a slippery surface that can create a liability issue. However, the flow should not be directed onto an adjacent property or City property.
5. Consider a backup battery system for your sump pump incase of power outages.

