

Do you have basement groundwater problems?

Do you have a sump pump FOR GROUNDWATER?

Are you discharging storm or groundwater to the PUBLIC sewer VIA sump pump, footing drains, downspouts or other?

(Not permitted)



NOT PERMITTED TO BE CONNECTED TO PUBLIC
SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM

For your information:

- Basement footing drains & sump pumps that keep your basement or crawl space dry must **NOT** be connected to the public sanitary sewer system. Local ordinances & state plumbing code prohibit ground & storm water from being connected (1).
- Stormwater, downspouts, driveway drains must **NOT** be connected to the public sanitary sewer system.
- If you have a sump pump for groundwater, please make sure it is not connected to the public sewer system. Call your plumber to disconnect and pump it outdoors where it belongs. The pump discharge point should be in your own yard, at least 20 ft from your home (at a point where it does not impact the neighbors either). If you live on the lake, the discharge can be routed directly to the lake or nearby surface water. Contact our office for more information on discharge configurations as needed.
- If you are unsure of what you have, we offer free inspections and assistance, as well as an “amnesty” program for those systems that are discovered and then corrected timely. Please phone our office at (269) 375-1591 to schedule.
- For a more detailed illustration of the problems associated with sump pumps connected to public sewer systems, check out this link from Golden Valley, MN:
<http://www.goldenvalleymn.gov/homeyard/utilities/inflow-infiltration.php>

(1) Please note that some washing machines or sinks discharge into sump pumps & then discharge into the public sewer system. Wash machine/sink sump pumps are permitted as long as NO GROUNDWATER enters the sump.