



SUMP PUMPS AND OUR SEWER SYSTEM

Did you know that as much as 50% of the water that contributes to sanitary sewer overflows during wet weather events, such as heavy rain or snowmelt, comes from private properties?

If you have a sump pump that is not discharging directly into a storm drain, pumped water can eventually find its way into the sewer lines.

With your help, we can further reduce the amount of clean water entering the system.

What you can do!

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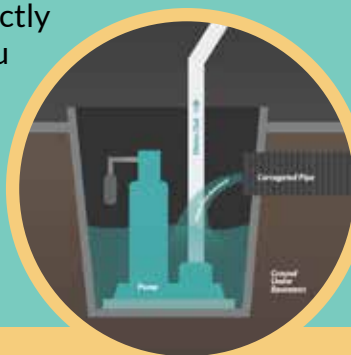
What should I do next?

1) Locate your sump pump!

Sump pumps can be found in the basement of the home within a small pit that may or may not have a cover. If the sump pump does have a cover, the lid can easily be removed. The pump will usually only have one pipe coming up through the lid.

2) Determine how your sump pump drains.

If your sump pump drains directly into a storm drain, you may continue to use it as is. If it doesn't drain directly into a storm drain or you are not sure how it drains, please contact your town or village to help you coordinate with a professional to have it checked out.



Where can I learn more?

To learn more about the Oneida County Sewer District and keep up-to-date on additional sewer system updates and news, visit :

www.rippleeffectocsd.org



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