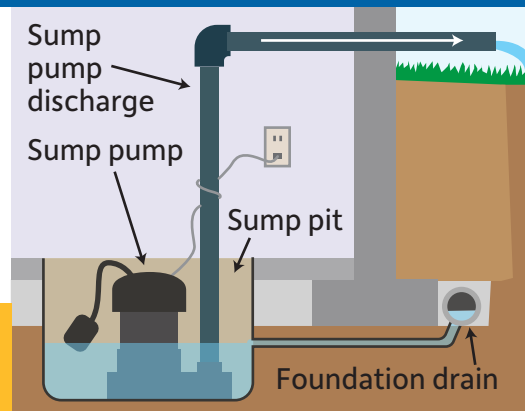


Sump pumps: make the right connection

Sump pumps cannot be connected into the sanitary sewer system - these types of connections are in violation of the City of Kingston Sewer Use By-law.

To find out if your house has an illegal connection, look around to see where your sump pump or downspout is discharging to. If the pipes lead underground, there is a good chance that you have an illegal connection.

Please **make the right connection** to protect your home and the municipal sanitary sewer system.



Dos

- ✓ DO extend downspouts away from the house, draining at least two metres away from your foundation, on top of the lawn.
- ✓ DO discharge your sump pump outside and away from your foundation, draining at least two metres away from your foundation, on top of the lawn.
- ✓ DO protect your discharge hose from freezing in the winter.
- ✓ DO consider back-up power for your sump pump in case the power fails.

Don'ts

- ✗ Don't have your downspouts connected to your foundation drain.
- ✗ Don't have your sump pump discharge to the floor drain or laundry tub (these are connected to the sanitary sewer).
- ✗ Don't discharge your sump pump to a neighbouring property.

Illegal connections - what do they cause?

- Overwhelm the sanitary sewer infrastructure and can result in basement flooding.
- Lead to substantial amounts of clean water entering the sanitary sewer; costing rate payers extra money to treat ground water.

Illegal connections - how can they be fixed?

- Through our Preventative Plumbing Program, apply for up to \$3,000 to install sump pumps, backwater sanitary valves, foundation drains and other eligible measures.
- If you suspect that you have an illegal connection, contact your local plumber to have it disconnected properly and re-directed onto your lawn or other areas. This will allow for rainwater to naturally soak into the ground.

**Illegal connections
can result in by-law
enforcement.**



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