

Sump Pumps, Down Spouts and Floor Drains

Borough Council urges your voluntary compliance to assist in stabilizing sewer rates. A number of properties have illegal connections to the Borough's sanitary sewer system, which in part, is creating an artificially high cost for sewerage treatment.

Currently the Borough is doing what it can to stabilize and reduce these costs. Property owners can help reduce the amount of inflow and infiltration into the sanitary sewer system by disconnecting any sump pump, downspout and/or floor drain connected to the sanitary sewer system. Not only does the discharge from these sources significantly increase your sewer bills, but also sump pumps illegally connected to the sewer system could possibly permit dangerous gases to enter your property.

Sump pumps used to discharge from laundry tubs and wash basins are also illegal and pose a potential health hazard. However, sump pumps that harmlessly discharge outside, onto the ground, are not illegal and do not need attention.

If work is required to redirect a sump pump, downspout, and/or floor drain, you can do it yourself or call any plumber licensed by the Borough. If you have any questions or need technical assistance, call the Borough's Code Enforcement Office 269-8755.