

Benefits to Reducing Inflow to Your Sewer System.

- * Avoid costly improvements.
- * Protect your surrounding creeks and streams from untreated discharges.
- * Keep untreated waste out of the streams your children like to play in and you like to fish, swim and wade in or walk by.
- * Reduce the risk of sewer backups.
- * Meet legal compliance requirements.
- * And protect your and the public's health!



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Illegal Connections &



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Treating Your Wastewater

What you need to know!

Why Should I Care About Illegal Connections?

Because it may cost you more money in user fees!

Illegal connections are causing serious overloading to your sewer system.

Illegal connections, or inflow, occur from

residents draining sump pumps, downspouts and yard drains into the sewer system.

Currently more water is flowing into the treatment plant than it was designed for and legally permitted to operate under. Thus it is exceeding capacity.

In order to legally continue to operate, without costly improvements, the Village must reduce flow by at least 4,000 gallons per day.



Example of inflow: A downspout connected directly to the sanitary sewer system.

What You Can Do!

Disconnect downspouts, sump pumps & yard drains from sewer lines.



Capture water from spouting and drains for lawn, flower and garden watering.



Shoot downspouts away from house, not into your septic tank.



Replace damaged sewer lids.



Replace leaky faucets, toilets and reduce water flow into your sewer system.



Use low flow plumbing fixtures. The bathroom accounts for 75% of home water use.



Install faucet & shower head aerators and reduce water flow by 35%.



Direct water from downspouts and sump pumps towards the storm sewers.



TAKE ACTION NOW AND PRESERVE YOUR WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM!



And Remember:

Your Village regulations in Ordinance #380 state:

"No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm water, surface water, ground water, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, uncontaminated cooling water or unpolluted industrial process waters to any sanitary sewer."

Civil penalties, or fines, for illegal sewer connections can range from \$25 per day to \$500 per day of violation.

So help yourself and your community now! Contact the BPA Clerk at 828-1345 if you have questions.

