

Code of the Town of Derry Sewer Use Ordinance

ARTICLE V Use of Public Sewers

§ 122-30. Discharge of certain waters to sanitary sewer prohibited.

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

§ 122-31. Discharge to storm sewer or natural outlet.

A. Stormwater and all other unpolluted drainage shall be discharged to drains or such sewers as are specifically designated as storm sewers or to a natural outlet approved by the Town.

COMPLIANCE The DPW conducts flow monitoring of areas in the sewer collection system throughout Town identifying suspected areas of sump pump connections. Once an area is identified, video inspection of the sewer mains may be conducted and random inspections made to locate source of stormwater inflow including illicit sump pump connections.

Residents who have any questions or need any assistance in disconnecting their sump pump may call the Derry DPW or their local plumber. By working together we can keep our costs down and reduce risk of damage to other homes and the Town's sanitary sewer facilities.

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TOWN OF DERRY, NH

Guide to Sump Pump Connections



**SUMP PUMP CONNECTIONS
TO THE MUNICIPAL SEWER
SYSTEM IS ILLEGAL!**

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SUMP PUMP DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

Sump pumps remove groundwater from below building foundations to prevent water damage to the building. Groundwater collected by sump pumps must discharge to the ground surface outside of the building, to a stormwater drain, or to a natural outlet. If your sump pump is frequently operating, rains may have caused the groundwater to rise and flow into the sump pump pit. In some cases, the groundwater may remain high and cause the sump pump to run continually.

Town sewers are not designed to carry the additional flow from sump pumps. An overloaded sewer can create sewer backups in the streets and other homeowner's basements. Also, the groundwater from



the sump pumps would be pumped and treated at the Town's

Wastewater treatment facility. The additional flow uses up plant capacity and increases the costs of treatment and in some cases can cause the plant to overflow.

PROHIBITED LOCATIONS FOR SUMP PUMP DISCHARGE

DO NOT connect your sump pump to the sanitary sewer pipes. It is illegal to discharge groundwater from the sump pump to the sanitary sewer. If your sump pump is connected to any other



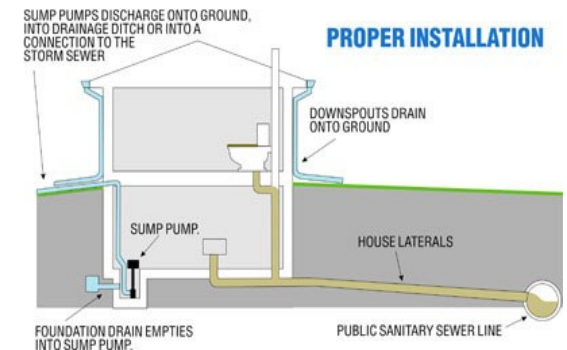
pipe in your home, it is most likely connected incorrectly to the Town sewer system. Such connections are a violation of local Ordinance.

DO NOT pump storm water onto sidewalks or streets. Sump pump water draining onto walkways and streets can cause icy, unsafe conditions as well as reduce the life of the street surface and the curb increasing the Town's maintenance costs .



DO NOT pump storm water onto your neighbors property as this can be a nuisance and result in property damage.

ACCEPTABLE LOCATIONS FOR SUMP PUMP DISCHARGE



The pipe from your basement sump pump should always discharge directly into your yard or stormwater drainage system.

Water should be directed into your yard away from your home so that it doesn't puddle along the wall and seep back into your basement.

Sump Pump Discharge hoses may be connected to the Town's drainage system. Residents **MUST FIRST** contact the DPW for permission and guidance

