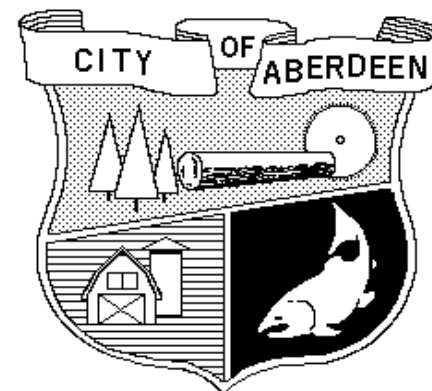


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Department
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360-537-3287



NOTICE
SUMP PUMP
AMNESTY PROGRAM
June 1st thru August 31st 2009

Please read inside for important
information from the City of
Aberdeen Sewer Department

What's wrong with sump pumps?

Nothing, when properly installed sump pumps are a valuable tool.

What's a properly installed sump pump?

A pump which is plumbed to discharge water into the stormwater system.

What's an improperly installed sump pump?

A pump which is plumbed to discharge water into the sanitary sewer system.

Why are improperly installed sump pumps a problem?

The pumping of groundwater to the sanitary sewer system causes numerous problems for the residents of our city. Including: sewage overflows, back-ups, and the forced expansion of sewage treatment facilities. The costs of dealing with all of which are funded by you the rate-payer.

Are improperly installed sump pumps illegal?

Yes, the City of Aberdeen Municipal Code prohibits the discharge of extraneous flow into the sanitary sewer system.

What are the penalties for an improperly installed sump pump?

A sewer rate surcharge equal to 100% of the normal rate, a fine of up to \$500, and liability for the cost to correct the violation.

Can I be penalized for an improper sump pump during the amnesty program?

Any person who voluntarily reports an improperly installed sump pump during the amnesty period **will not** be penalized.

Why is the City having a sump pump amnesty program?

The removal of excess water from the sewer system greatly benefits the City of Aberdeen's sewage treatment process.

How does the amnesty program work?

If you suspect that your sump pump may be connected to the sanitary sewer system please contact the Sewer Department at 360-537-3287 to schedule an inspection of your sump pump. Evening appointments are available.

What will be done during the inspection?

We will visit your home, inspect your sump pump, and if you are connected to the sanitary sewer system, implement an alternative method for redirecting your sump pump discharge **free of charge**.

Will the City maintain my sump pump if it is properly installed?

No, the operation and maintenance of a sump pump is the sole responsibility of the homeowner.