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## Proper winter maintenance for your sump pump

Colder temperatures are approaching. Among other important things we do to prepare for winter we don't want to make the costly mistake of not winterizing our sump pump.

**Reminder: sump pumps should be discharging outside ONLY and not into the sanitary sewer! We thank everyone for doing their part.**

### Per Lennox Municipal Ordinance 8.0304 (H)

**H. "No person(s) shall make connection of roof downspouts, foundation drains, areaway drains, sump pumps or other sources of surface runoff or groundwater to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer. In certain locations or situations where surface water discharge would create a safety hazard during freezing weather, connection to the sanitary sewer line may be permitted by the Sewer Superintendent.**

*Any person, owner, lessee or occupant who has presently made or permitted to be made, or shall make or permit to be made, any connection or installation in violation of Section 8.0304(H) shall immediately remove that connection or correct that installation. If not removed or corrected within ten calendar days after notice of violation has been delivered personally or by certified mail to that person, owner, lessee or occupant, the City shall impose a surcharge of five hundred dollars (\$500) per month on the sewer bill of the property owners who are not in compliance. All properties found during regular or periodic re-inspection programs that violation Section 8.0304(H) will be subject, at the discretion of the City, to the imposition of the monthly fee for all months between the two most recent inspections."*

The City of Lennox appreciates your efforts in removing the sump pump drainage from the sanitary sewer, which aids in keeping costs down at the wastewater treatment facility and the City in compliance with the discharge permit issued by the SD Department of Environment and Natural Resources, avoiding costly fines for non-compliance.

Here are a few tips and tricks for maintaining your sump pump during the winter months:

- \* Do not place your sump pump hose over the sidewalk.
- \* Remove black corrugated hose and/or blue collapsible hose and replace with PVC pipe from the house to termination point. The water in these hoses WILL FREEZE even if sloped properly.
- \* Avoid sags in the line which creates a point where water can freeze and back-up into your home and/or ruin the sump pump.
- \* Avoid discharging to the street, as this could cause a public safety concern.
- \* Check the end of the PVC pipe for blockages, including snow, ice, dirt and leaves. Especially if your sump pump line runs through the curb. Be sure to check after snow removal is complete.

# Proper winter sump pump discharge set-up

\*Properly sloped PVC pipe directly connected to the house, discharge end elevated off the ground, pipe supported to prevent sags and properly vented.



\*Black corrugated hose and/or blue collapsible hose removed, properly sloped, elevated discharge,



\*If you choose to keep the black corrugated hose, it must be insulated or have heat tape wrapped around the hose.



Most of the items seen above can be purchased from the local hardware store.

The above are examples of current Lennox resident homes and the sump pump discharge systems.  
Please call the City Office if you have questions on how to properly set-up your sump pump.