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## Proper winter maintenance for your sump pump

During this past summer, the City of Lennox completed property inspections for sump pump compliance. 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.

### **What NOT to do:**

- \*If possible, try not to 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.



**\*\*\*DO NOT FORGET to check the end of the PVC Pipe for blockages, including snow, ice, dirt and leaves. Especially, if your sump pump discharge 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, precautionary air gap at the house.



\*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.

**\*The City is not liable for any damage caused to your property for freezing of lines or sump pump failure.\***

# BEFORE



# AFTER

