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SEWER USERS: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

SUMP PUMPS & SIMILAR MUST BE DISCONNECTED FROM THE SANITARY SEWER

Do you know where your sump pump discharges? If your sump pump is connected to your sanitary sewer, it must be disconnected. Please contact a plumber to remove all illegal connections from the sanitary sewer. Please be cognizant that the discharge of clean water must not impact downstream or adjacent properties. Discharging groundwater, surface water, or rainwater to the sanitary sewer is a violation of the State Plumbing Code as well as the Town of Darien Code of Ordinances. Illicit connections include sump pumps, roof drains, footing drains, yard drains, and the like. Adding these excess waters to the sewer system increases the cost of conveying and treating sewage effluent which, in turn, increases your sewer user fees. These excess waters can also overburden our sewer systems during times of wet weather or extreme rainfall events leading to sewer overflows. Thank you for your cooperation!

BACKFLOW VALVES ARE REQUIRED IF PLUMBING FIXTURES ARE BELOW STREET LEVEL

Per State Plumbing Code and Town of Darien Code of Ordinances, a Back Flow Valve is required on the main sewer outlet pipe or at an appropriate location within the plumbing system for a home or building if any plumbing fixture is below the elevation of the manhole cover of the next upstream manhole, the fixture must be protected by a Back Flow valve. The Sewer Commission will not accept damage claims from sewer backups where a Back Flow Valve would have prevented the incident from occurring.

If you need assistance determining if either of these conditions apply to your home or business, please contact the Darien Department of Public Works at 203-656-7346 or e-mail your contact information to egentile@darienct.gov.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU EXPERIENCE A SEWAGE BACK-UP

The Connecticut Department of Public Health provides a Fact Sheet with information, which can be found by searching for "CT DPH Sewage Backup Fact Sheet" in your web browser or at this web address: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DPH/dph/environmental_health/environmental_engineering/2020-uploads/Sewage-Back-Up_v2a_020320.pdf