



Hillsboro Wastewater Customers,

Since 2018, the City of Hillsboro has been under an order from KDHE and the EPA to reduce rainwater infiltrating the sanitary sewer. During rain events, the city receives a large amount of rainwater in the sewers which has caused lift station overflows. Each overflow is a violation that could be fined. The City's engineers have created a plan that would correct the problem but would cost over \$1.5 million to build. Instead of an expensive project, the city has done smaller projects to address the issue including lining sewer mains and rehabilitating manholes. **The city needs your help identifying sump pumps or drainage systems that are tied to the sewer system.**

Connecting drains or sumps to the sewer has been illegal since the 1980's as per Section 15-632 of the city code. On April 4, 2023, the City Council approved Resolution 2023-05 creating a sump pump amnesty program to help residents disconnect illegal connections from the sewer system. On the back of this letter is a survey we are asking all residents to complete by June 15. The survey can also be completed online. Please complete the survey even if you do not know if a sump pump or drainage system is connected to the sewer.

If you have selected that you may have an illegal connection or you don't know, we will contact you to help. The city has approved contractors that can disconnect the illegal connection and the city will pay the cost of that repair up to \$500. Customers can also complete the repair themselves or with a preferred contractor but will not receive financial assistance from the city. The financial incentive will be available until November 2023. Work on the illegal connections may not be completed by November but the city will create a list of needed repairs. Customers must be on the list to receive city assistance.

To monitor the program, the city will inspect all residential and commercial property connected to the city sewer system prior to the sale of the property. Properties will be issued a certificate of inspection good for 3 years post inspection. For property found to be in violation upon inspection, a fine of \$500 will be issued with an additional \$10 per day possible for every day the connection remains in violation.

The city wants to help everyone avoid penalties and costly system upgrades, but we need your help. For more information about the program, please contact City Hall at (620) 947-3162 or visit our website at [www.cityofhillsboro.net](http://www.cityofhillsboro.net). Please return your completed survey to the City by June 15.

Sincerely,

Matt Stiles  
City Administrator

Morgan Marler  
Water / Sewer Superintendent

CITY OF HILLSBORO  
SUMP PUMP AND DRAINAGE SURVEY  
**PLEASE RETURN TO CITY HALL BY JUNE 15**

1. Do you have a sump pump inside your house? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don't know

2. Do you have a sump pump outside your house in a pit? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don't know

3. If you have sump pump, how often does it run? ☐ Multiple times per day ☐ Once a day  
☐ Once per week ☐ Only when it rains  
☐ I don't know

4. If you have a sump pump inside, is the pump part of a floor collection system (drain built into the floor)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don't know

5. If you have a sump pump outside, does the pump collect water from the gutter system or drain tiles? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don't know

6. Do you have sewer clean-outs in your yard ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don't know

7. Do your sewer clean-outs have a cap on the top? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don't know

8. Do you know what material your sewer lines **IN YOUR HOUSE** are made of? ☐ PVC ☐ Cast Iron  
☐ I don't know ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Do you know what material your sewer lines **OUTSIDE YOUR HOUSE** are made of? ☐ PVC ☐ Cast Iron  
☐ Clay Tile ☐ I don't know  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Would you like someone from the Sewer Department to visit in person to help complete these questions? ☐ Yes ☐ No

11. Please provide your contact information for our records. Please provide the address of the property you are completing the survey on.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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