

## LAMBERTVILLE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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## Notice to All Residents Mandatory Sump Pump Inspection

Dear Resident:

The Lambertville Municipal Utilities Authority would like to make you aware of our continued effort to enforce the removal of "illegal" connections to the sanitary sewer system. As per Authority Rules and Regulations, under Section 3-3.3, all properties are required to have a sump pump inspection performed prior to a sale or transfer of ownership to ensure there are no illegal connections. Should a property be found in to have an illegal connection they will be required to remove the device and cap the connection into the sewer system. Once this is complete a re-inspection will need to be scheduled.

An illegal connection allows storm related water (water from sources other than sanitary fixtures) to enter the sanitary sewer system. Types of illegal connections include: roof downspouts, sump pumps, dehumidifiers, footing/ foundation drains and basements drains. Storm water drainage should be directed to the City storm drains as they are designed to carry much larger amounts of flow. Also, it can be directed to the front or back yards or above ground drainage ditches.

The removal of illegal connections will significantly reduce the flow of extraneous storm related water in the sewer system. Storm water can cause a surcharge in sewer flows by exceeding the capacity of the pipe. If a home has sanitary fixtures at an elevation below the surcharge level, basement or crawl space flooding can occur. Our goal is to reduce the extraneous flow in an effort to avoid surcharging and sewer back-ups.

Appointments can be made by contacting the Authority's main office between 8:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at 609-397-1496. Appointments can also be requested via email to Melissa Ege, Administrative Assistant at <a href="mailto:mege@lambertvillemua.com">mege@lambertvillemua.com</a>.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours, Lambertville Municipal Utilities Authority By:

Thomas F. Horn, P.E. Executive Director

CC: Lambertville MUA Board City of Lambertville Construction Office