Conway Village Fire District

Conway Village Fire District Sewer Rules and Regulations

Article XVII (10)

Building Sewers and Connections

No person(s) shall make connection of roof downspouts, foundation drains, areaway drains, <u>sump pumps</u>, or other sources of surface runoff or groundwater to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is connected directly, or indirectly, to the public sewer system.

NH Department of Environmental Services Administrative Rules

ENV Wq 704.01 (b)

Rainwater from roofs, streets, and other paved areas, and groundwater from foundation drains, geothermal systems, and sump pumps shall be excluded from the sanitary sewer.

ENV Wq 704.20 (g) Roof downspouts, exterior or interior foundation drains, sump pumps, or other sources of surface water run-off or groundwater shall not be directly or indirectly connected to a public sewer.

Sump pumps remove groundwater from below building foundations to prevent water damage to the building.

Groundwater collected by sump pumps must discharge to the ground surface outside of the building, to a stormwater drain, or to a natural outlet.

Sump pumps are designed to handle clean water, while the sewer system is meant for the disposal of wastewater and sewage.

Conway Village pumps all its sewerage to North Conway Water Precinct for treatment and we pay for every gallon sent. No one wants to pay to process ground water, the more we send the more it costs, increasing our sewer rates!





Guide to
Sump Pump
Connections



Connecting sump pumps to the Public Sewer is ILLEGAL If your sump pump is frequently operating, rain may have caused the groundwater to rise and flow into the sump pump pit. In some cases, the groundwater may remain high and cause the sump pump to run continually.

District sewers are not designed to carry the additional flow from sump pumps. An overloaded sewer can create sewer backups in the streets and other homeowner's basements.



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additional flow is pumped to North Conway for processing which increases CVFD's cost.

DO NOT connect your sump pump to the sanitary sewer pipes or allow it to flow into any drain. It is illegal to discharge groundwater from the sump pump to the sanitary sewer.





If your sump pump is connected to any other pipe in your home, it is most likely connected to the public sewer system. Such connections are a violation of local and state ordinance.



DO NOT pump

storm water onto sidewalks or streets. Sump pump water draining onto walkways and streets can cause icy, unsafe conditions as well as reduce the life of the street surface and the curb, increasing the Town's maintenance costs which increase taxes.

Be considerate and never pump storm water onto your neighbors' property as this can be a nuisance and result in property damage.



The pipe from your basement should always discharge directly into your yard or stormwater drainage system.



The water should be directed into your yard away from home sot that it does not puddle along the wall and seep back into your basement.



Sump pump discharge hoses may be connected to the **stormwater** system in the street. Residents MUST FIRST contact the town DPW or DOT for permission and guidance.