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DO YOU HAVE AN ILLEGAL SUMP PUMP?

DO YOU HAVE A SUMP PUMP OR ROOF DRAINS CONNECTED ILLEGALLY?

The City of Marion Wastewater Treatment plant experiences substantial increases in flow during rain events. These flow increases result in greater costs to treat the waste, along with potential for sewer back-ups and manhole surcharges. A contributing factor to the high flow is the illegal connection of sump pumps and roof drains to the sewer system. The city ordinance concerning the Use of Public Sewers states that "No person shall discharge, or cause to be discharged, any stormwater, surface water, groundwater, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, uncontaminated cooling water, or unpolluted industrial process waters to any sanitary sewer." (1977 Code § 13.40.010)

To help correct the issues that result from the increased flow the City will begin checking for illegal connections during the routine inspections of rental properties and the connecting of water service.

Please note, if your home or business does have a sump pump or roof drains connected to the city sewer system you are in violation of the city code. These connections need to be removed as soon as possible and redirected to the appropriate location.

Should you need any guidance in the redirection of these connections or if you have any questions about your sump pump or roof drains, please call the Marion Sewer Department at (618) 993-8309. A member of our staff will be happy to meet with you and answer any questions that you may have.

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