

Inspection Highlights!

The primary purpose of this inspection is to determine if clean water is entering the sanitary sewer system. While City officials are focusing on public infrastructure needs, homeowners need to address any private property issues that may contribute to sanitary sewer backups.

*The program is available for all residents, not just those selling or buying homes.

*Inspections are free of charge.

*Inspections will take about one hour.

*The Sewer Collection Manager and a camera crew will be present for the inspection. The owner or designee must be present as well.

*An evaluation of downspouts, drains, sump pumps, discharge points, and laterals will be included.

*Laterals will be televised for infiltration.

*Appointments, permission forms, and additional brochures can all be obtained through the City's website or the Engineer's Office.

**Request an appointment on the web
at:**

www.stormwater@cityofcf.com

Phone: 330-971-8130

Fax: 330-971-8129

*Questions or comments regarding the inspection may be directed to the Sewer Collection Manager. Phone: 330-971-8133

Cancellations should be made 24 hours in advance please.

Project Partner Storm Water Inspection Program

A free inspection is
available to you!

What is I/I
Infiltration occurs when
groundwater enters a sewer system
through broken pipes and defective
pipe joints.

Inflow is the surface runoff that
enters a sewer system through
manhole covers, and illegal
connections of downspouts, sump
pumps, foundation drains, yard and
area drains.

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Protect your home with the
Storm Water Inspection
Program**

*City offers **FREE**
Inspection Program*

*for homeowners and those interested in
purchasing a home in Cuyahoga Falls*



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-or-

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Details Enclosed

What is the Project Partner program?

On October 25, 2004 City Council approved legislation to allow voluntary home inspections. This inspection would include an evaluation of gutters and downspouts, drain connections, sumps and televising of sewer laterals for infiltration. The City has continued to work diligently on the flood and drainage concerns in our community and this additional evaluation will provide the homeowner and City officials details of private property issues that may cause clean water to enter our sanitary sewer system.

Inspections are scheduled through the Water Department with any Cuyahoga Falls homeowner or the seller/agent of the property (**a permission slip must be signed by the seller/owner and returned to the Water Department prior to the appointment**). Buyers requesting the inspection are required to contact the seller or designee to coordinate an inspection with the Water Department. After the inspection property owners will receive a Certificate of Inspection and buyers will receive a copy of the certificate for review.

What if the home has issues that need to be addressed?

The inspector will have an evaluation form to fill out in the field. The inspector will also review the televised lateral inspection. Within ten business days of the evaluation, the Sewer Collection Manager will complete a Certificate of Inspection. That certificate will issue a pass/fail grade for the home.

If the home does require necessary work (failing items), the certificate will state so. From that date the home owner has 180 days by ordinance to make the necessary repairs. A Certificate of Completion will be issued upon completion of repairs.

Who is responsible for the repairs?

The actual property owner of the home at the 180 day point is responsible. The 180-day period applies for all failed inspections and the City may assist with the repairs. Failing items/inspections will not effect the property transfer from the City's perspective. Permits are required for all repairs and should be obtained prior to the work taking place.

The following options exist for repairs:

*Homeowners may hire a registered contractor with the City to make the necessary improvements within the 180 day period.

*Homeowners may request the City's pre-qualified contractors make the necessary corrections and assess the cost to their property taxes.

*For homeowners not taking proper action within the 180 days, the City shall impose a sewer utility surcharge of 100% of the homeowners monthly sewer charge until the problem is repaired.

What upgrades will the City allow to be assessed?

The City **will** assess the following:

- Install/replace sump pump as a result of direct connections
- Disconnection of direct footer drains to sanitary sewer
- Disconnection of direct sump pump connections to sanitary sewer
- Replace/repair storm lateral
- Replace/repair sanitary lateral
- Install/repair downspouts and gutters (certain situations).

The City will **not** assist with the following:

- Check Valve installation
- Waterproofing
- Sloping ground from home
- Grading lot to redirect water
- Installing catch basins on property
- Installing trench drains on property

The assessment would be attached to your annual property taxes at the equivalent interest rate that applies to the City each year.

Costs totaling up to \$1,500:

- 5-year assessment applies

Costs totaling more than \$1,500:

- 10-year assessment applies

A Certificate of Completion will be issued at that time.