

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 storm water administrator, water/sewer department employee and 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 attained through the City's website or the Service Director's office.

**Set up an appointment on the web at:
www.cityofcf.com**

Phone: 330-971-8180
Fax: 330-971-8182

*Questions, comments or status updates regarding the inspection may be directed to the Storm Water Administrator at 330-971-8180

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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***City offers FREE
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*for homeowners and those interested in
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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 storm water inspections, which includes an evaluation of downspouts, drain connections, sump pump connections 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 provides 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 Division of Engineering 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 Division of Engineering prior to the appointment. Buyers requesting the inspection are required to contact the seller or designee to coordinate an inspection with the Division of Engineering. After the inspection property owners will receive a Certificate of Inspection and buyers will receive a copy of the certificate for review. As the storm water inspection is not mandatory, the seller/owner does have the right to decline the inspection.

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 view the televised lateral inspection (perhaps more than once). Within 10 business days of the evaluation, the Chief Building Official will complete a Certificate of Inspection. That certificate will issue a pass/fail grade for the home.

If the home does require necessary work, 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 does the repairs?

If this is a Point of Sale inspection, a determination should be made prior to the sale between the buyer and the seller for repairs. However, ultimately 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.

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 make the necessary corrections and assess the cost to their property taxes.

*For homeowners not taking proper action or allowing the City to make repairs 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
- Correct pavement blocking storm outlet
- Install/repair downspouts if storm water is entering the sanitary sewer

The City will **not** assess 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 yr. assessment applies
Costs totaling more than \$1,500- 10 yr. assessment applies

If the owner chooses to use a registered contractor, please contact the Division of Engineering at 330-971-8180 for a re-inspection of the repair. A Certificate of Completion will be issued at that time.

An appeals process is available. If you do not agree with the Chief Building Official's determination, please contact the Division of Engineering to file an appeal at 330-971-8180.