

Important Notice Regarding Sump Pumps

The Town of Smithfield has experienced sewage overflows during wet weather in the past. The sewage overflows have negative impacts on the waters of Smithfield and the Woonasquatucket River.

Sump pumps illegally connected to the Town's sewer system are a major cause of these overflows. Clean sump pump water consumes valuable capacity in our sewer mains and pump stations that is intended for domestic raw sewage only. The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management has ordered the Town of Smithfield to institute a program to remove sump pump discharges from entering the sewer system. It is illegal to have a sump pump connected to the sewer system.

This is a NOTICE to all home & business owners in the Town of Smithfield. Any sump pumps connected to the sewer system must be disconnected. Violators will be sanctioned pursuant to the Town Code. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please call the Smithfield Sewer Authority at 401-233-1041.

Inadmissible Discharges

Inadmissible discharges to the sewer system, as stated in the Sewer Use Ordinance. The inadmissible discharges include, but are not limited to:

- storm water
- ground water
- roof drains
- yard drainage
- sump pump discharges
- cooking grease, fats, oils.

Any discharges of the first 5 items listed above may at anytime surcharge the sewer system, causing drains from your residence to become sluggish and possibly clogged leaving you with a major unsanitary mess.

Discharges of COOKING GREASE, FATS & OILS will create a blockage within the sewer lines and cause sewage to back up into homes, making for an unsanitary situation. Dispose of cooking grease, fats, & oils with your trash for weekly pick-up by the Town.

If you have any questions, please call the Sewer Authority, 233-1041.