

Village of Depew

Sanitary Sewer Overflow – Fact Sheet

Our Sewer System

The Depew sanitary sewer system consists of approximately 56 miles of gravity collection and interceptor sewers. Sanitary sewer flows collected within the Village ultimately discharge to the Erie County Sewer District (ECSD) No. 4 Depew pumping station.

Within the sanitary sewer collection system, there are seven (7) permanent NYSDEC permitted sanitary sewer overflow locations.

What is a SSO?

A Sanitary Sewer Overflow is an unintentional release of sewage from a collection system before it reaches the treatment plant. SSO typically occurs during rain events where rainwater enters the sanitary sewers and the total flow is greater than the sewer capacity.



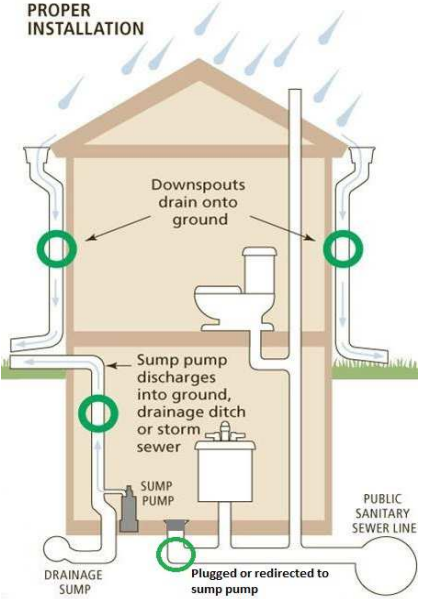
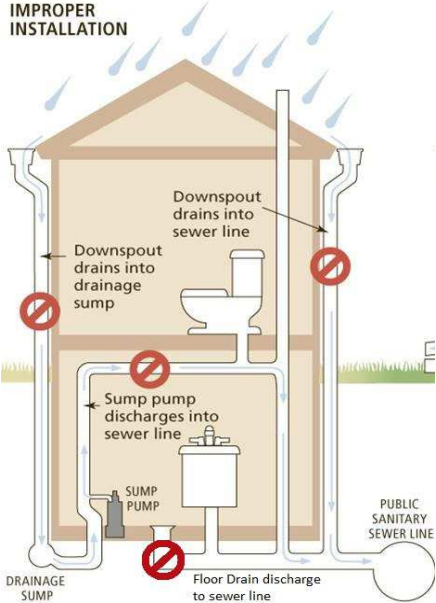
What causes a SSO?

Infiltration – Extraneous water that enters a sewer system through leaking pipe joints, damaged pipes, or deteriorated manholes.



Inflow – Extraneous water that enters a sewer system through direct connections such as downspouts, improperly connected catch basins or yard drains, manhole covers, sump pumps or foundation drains.

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Illegal Sump Pump Connections



Help the Village system work! Check your home for illegal connections. For assistance, contact the Building Department at (716) 683-1400.