

Inspection Highlights!

The primary purpose of this storm water 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.
- Storm water inspections are free of charge.
- Storm water inspections will take about one hour.
- The Stormwater Administrator and a camera crew will be present for the storm water 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.

**Request an appointment online at:
www.stormwater@cityofcf.com**

Appointments, permission forms, and additional brochures can all be attained through the City's website or Stormwater Management at:

Phone: 330-971-8130
Fax: 330-971-8003

Questions, comments or status updates regarding the inspection may be directed to the Stormwater Administrator at 330-971-8130.

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**
Storm Water Inspections
*for homeowners and those interested
in purchasing a home 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 Stormwater Management with any Cuyahoga Falls homeowner or the seller/agent of the property. A permission slip must be signed by the seller/owner prior to the appointment being scheduled. Buyers requesting the inspection are required to contact the seller or designee to coordinate an inspection. 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.

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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. Within 10 business days of the evaluation, a Certificate of Inspection will be issued. 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 is responsible for the repairs?

The actual property owner of the home at the 180 day point is responsible for the repairs. The 180 day period applies for all failed inspections and the City may assist with the repairs. Failing items/inspections will not affect 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 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** 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

A Certificate of Completion will be issued at that time.



Don Walters, Mayor