

We are very fortunate in Barrie to have a jewel of a waterfront that is ours to treasure. The Lake is all part of a water system we need to respect and protect. Every little action counts.

Many Barrie homes have a downspout and/or sump pump connected to the sanitary system. This can cause sewage back up during heavy rainfalls, overwork the sewage plant costing residents more money, and even pollute our precious lake.

We understand that many residents are unaware this is happening in their home and we can help fix the problem. Let us help!

Disconnect to Protect Program

The Disconnect to Protect program provides rebates to qualifying Barrie residents for contributing to the health of our water system by disconnecting illegal downspout and sump pump/foundation drain connections to the sanitary sewer system:

- Up to \$70 to disconnect downspouts (downspouts directed onto driveways do not qualify and are discouraged).
- 75% of the costs to permanently redirect an existing sump pump discharge away from discharging to a laundry tub or floor drain to a surface discharge (to your lawn or rain garden) to a maximum of \$200.
- 75% of the cost to disconnect your foundation drain from your sanitary lateral and construct a new sump and pump with surface discharge (to your lawn or rain garden) to a maximum of \$2000. A Building Permit will be required for this work.
- 75% of the cost of capping an existing sanitary drain and installing a sump pump with surface discharge (to your lawn or rain garden) to a maximum of \$300. If a sump pit is required, the maximum rebate increases to \$675. A Building Permit will be required for this work.

If you need a Building Permit to do your project, permit costs will be included in the rebate (applicable to plumbing related and building permit costs only).



For more information and to download a DIY Guide, visit barrie.ca/SewerInflow.



Disconnect to PROTECT REBATE PROGRAM

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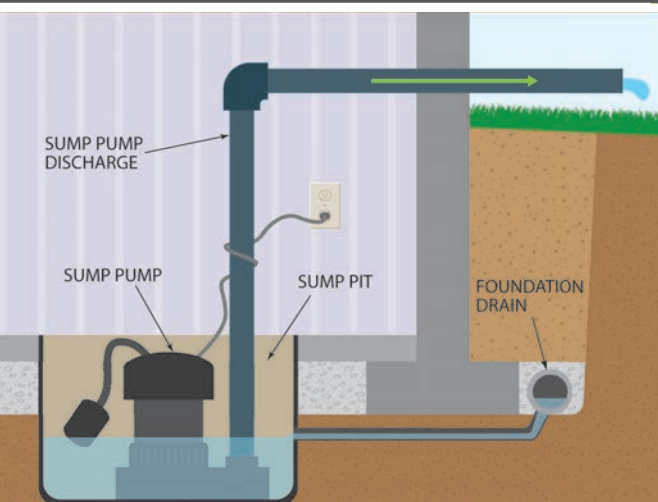
How to find out if you have an illegal connection

To find out if your house has an illegal connection, look around your house to see where your sump pump or downspout is discharging to. If the pipes lead underground, there is a good chance that you have an illegal connection.

Ensure your sump pump and downspout water is directed to your lawn, garden or rain barrel.



Make the right connection and point it in the right direction.



Benefits of Disconnecting

- Keeps clean water out of the sanitary sewer and reduces the cost of treatment.
- Saves you money. Less water being sent to wastewater treatment facility, will reduce your bills.
- Opportunity to have a rain barrel – saving you more money on your water bill.
- Reduces the risk of basement flooding.
- Reduces the risk of wastewater spills into the Lake.