

## SUMP PUMPS

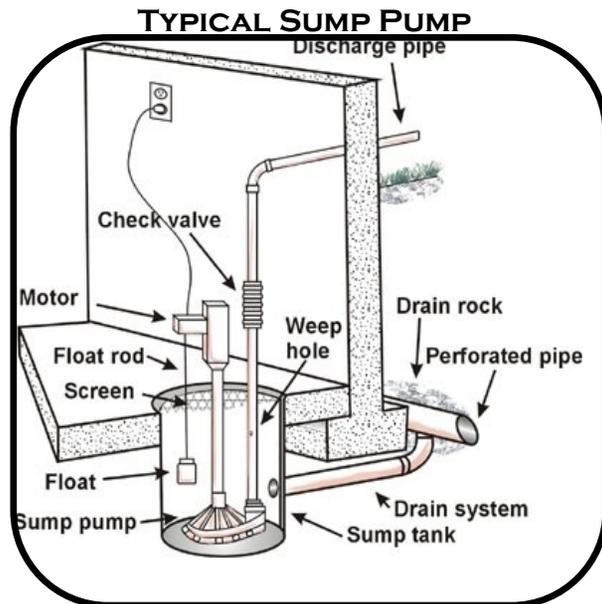
Sump pumps are used to pump ground water away from a basement foundation.

Typically the pumps only run when it is raining and for a short time after the rain stops.

Sometimes a foundation may be located near an underground spring or near soils that are more permeable; these sump pumps will run often, even when it is not raining. Improper location or maintenance of the discharge line, or improper pump settings can also cause the pump to run often.

Sump pumps should **NEVER** be connected to a floor drain or other pipe that connects to the sanitary sewer system. Connecting to a sanitary sewer is **ILLEGAL**.

Private pipes, such as downspout discharge pipes and sump pump discharge pipes, should be located and drain on private property.



## FAQ

**Q: Are there City rules and regulations regarding sump pumps?**

**A:** Yes, see the City's Municipal Code (Sections 15-103.59 and 26-25). Also, work in the right-of-way requires a permit from the City. To obtain a permit, contact Public Works at 309-494-8800.

**Q: Can I discharge (drain) my sump pump onto City property (ROW)?**

**A:** No, if the water causes problems with the land, street, or sidewalk. Problems include erosion, standing water, slick surfaces, or icy conditions in the winter.

**Q: When are sump pump issues addressed?**

**A:** Sump pump issues are investigated as the City becomes aware of the sump pump locations.

**Q: How do I report a sump pump problem?**

**A:** Contact Community Development at 309-494-8929.

For more information contact:

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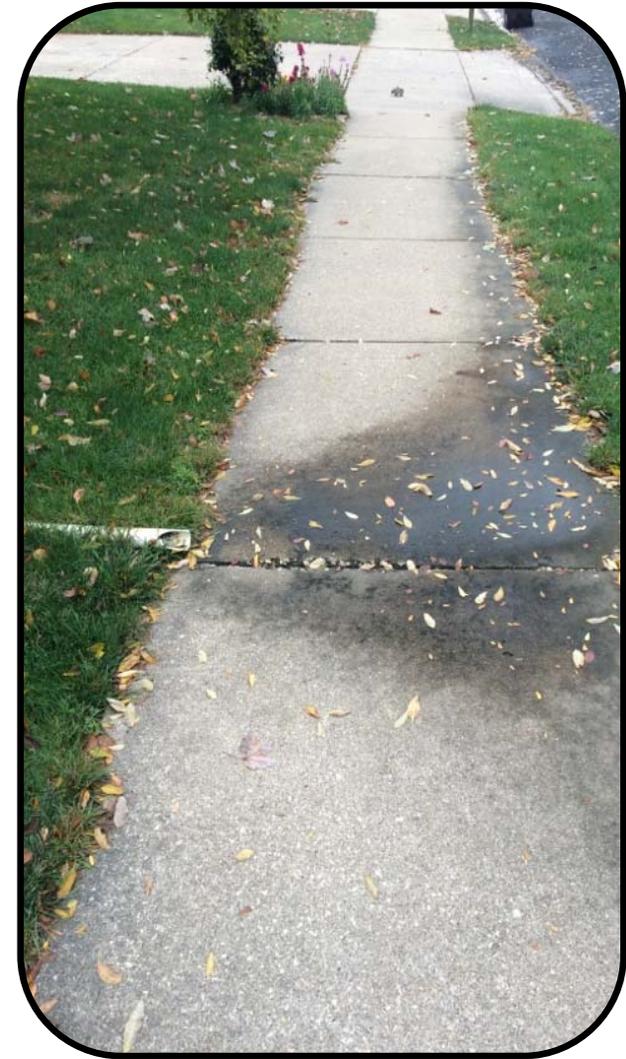
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## SUMP PUMP INFORMATION



## SUMP PUMP REGULATIONS



A “discharge” is when the sump pump is actively pumping or discharging water.

The City has regulations to control sump pump and other types of discharges to address public safety concerns.

The regulations state that the property owner with a sump pump that is causing damage, is responsible for the damage.

In the event the discharge presents concerns for public safety, the City may contact the property owner to address the concerns.

If the public safety concerns are not addressed appropriately, City staff will consult with the City’s Legal department to determine further action.

For more information on the regulations please see the City’s Municipal Code (Sections 15-103.59 and 26-25) at <https://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=10183> or contact Community Development at 309-494-8929..

## SUMP PUMP PROBLEMS

During the warmer months, the City receives complaints about slick /slimy surfaces, staining, and concerns about mosquitoes due to the standing water.

In the winter, the City receives complaints about ice build up on the sidewalks and streets from sump pump discharges.



## WHERE YOU CAN DRAIN A SUMP PUMP

If you have a sump pump on your property, put the end of the pipe at least 10 feet from your house and in a location that the water can soak into the ground.

If that is not possible, look at other alternatives such as a French drain or a Rain Garden.

A French drain is a underground trench that is filled with rock that can store the water and allow it to soak into the ground.

## ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO DRAIN A SUMP PUMP

A rain garden is a small depression that is planted with native plants or other plants that can soak up a lot of water.



## RAIN GARDEN

If the standard options are not feasible and storm water structures are close, the private pipes may be allowed to run underground through the City property (right-of-way) and tie into a storm water structure. The work would be done at 100% the owner’s cost. Not all locations have

storm sewer structures.

Permission would be evaluated on a case by case basis.

All work performed in the right-of-way requires a permit from the City of Peoria.

For more information about rain gardens, contact Public Works at 309-494-8800 or visit [www.peoriagov.org/public-works/public-works-rain-garden/](http://www.peoriagov.org/public-works/public-works-rain-garden/)

