

PROPERTY OWNER NOTICE

To: Name
Property Address

From: City of St. Clairsville
Wastewater Department

Subject: City Wastewater System Infiltration-Inflow (I&I) Action Required

Date: June ____, 2009

There is a problem on your property that is negatively affecting the City's Wastewater System. According to testing we have done, the problem on your property is as follows:

1. Downspout is connected to the wastewater system
2. Driveway drain is connected to the wastewater system
3. Footer drain is connected to the wastewater system
4. Subsurface water drain is connected the wastewater system
5. Yard drain is connected to the wastewater system
6. Smoke testing of the wastewater system indicates a break in your lateral line or an improper connection to the wastewater system.

The Problem

The problem identified above allows clean water (storm and/or ground water) to enter the City's Wastewater System. The problem from your lot, when coupled with other problem areas across the City, is placing so much clean water into the Wastewater System during wet weather and storm events that it overwhelms the system. This results in flooding that causes many problems. Among these are:

- The basements of certain homes flood with wastewater causing thousands of dollars in damages, plus the horrible mess associated with a raw sewage backup into a home.
- The City's pump stations and treatment plant overflows causing raw sewage runoff onto adjacent property and into streams.
- Some manhole lids in city streets are forced to blow off from the hydraulic pressure thus creating a traffic hazard.
- Wastewater treatment and cleanup costs skyrocket because of this excess unwanted water which causes higher wastewater utility rates for all customers.

The Remedy

The only way to correct this problem is to fix all of the problems on each lot. The City repairs problems that are located on its main line system, but we cannot make repairs on the lateral lines because they are privately owned.

On your property, you will need to either:

1. Fix the break in your line, or replace your (lateral) service line.
2. Disconnect your improper connection to the Wastewater System.

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In some cases, homeowners can correct the problem easily, by disconnecting an illegal downspout connection for example. But in many cases, excavation will be necessary.

The City suggests that you contact a reputable plumbing or excavation contractor to fix the problem on your property. You can find listings in the yellow pages under the headings of Plumbing Contractors or Plumbing Drain & Sewer Service, or the City can provide a list of local contractors who often perform work for us. Check our website at www.stclairsville.com, or telephone us at (740) 695-0191. You are free to use any contractor you wish, or perform the work yourself.

Repair Deadline & Compliance

The work on your property should be completed by September 1, 2009. Please inform the City when the work is scheduled. **We must verify that the work is inspected and meets governmental standards before any repairs or new installations are covered.**

Compliance

Both City ordinances and Ohio EPA regulations govern this problem, so the needed repairs must not be ignored.

Questions

We realize that this is a new issue to many property owners, so if you have questions, and need our advice or help, we are here to work with you. Simply contact us at either:

jgoodridge@stclairsville.com

(740) 695-0191

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St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation as we solve this problem that is hurting the City and other property owners.

Enclosed: Map
Photo