



### Rain Barrels

Rain Barrels can be used to capture water from gutter down spouts. The rain water can then be used to water plantings or grass areas during dry weather conditions.

### Dry Wells

This is an underground chamber or stone filled pit that temporarily stores water to slowly percolate into the ground. Dry wells can consist of a plastic barrel with holes in the sides and wrapped with filter fabric to prevent soil from getting into the barrel. The exterior of the barrel is then filled with stone to allow water to exit the barrel and percolate into the ground.

### Clean Water Removal Assistance Grant

The City of Hamilton offers financial assistance for residents that wish to help in solving the City's Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) problem per section 931.032 of the Codified Ordinance. Money is available for disconnecting clean water connections to the Sanitary Sewer. The City will pay \$1000 per Equivalent Residential Unit. Please contact us for further information.

Sanitary Sewers are designed to convey wastewater (sewage) produced through the use of plumbing fixtures such as toilets, sinks, bathtubs, and showers.

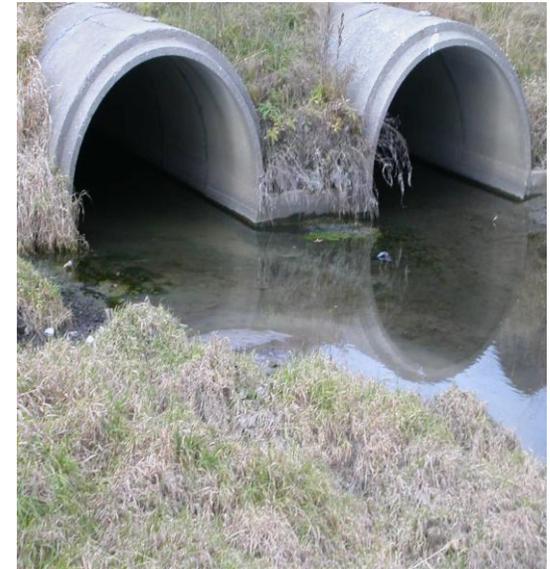
Storm Sewers are designed to convey both wastewater and storm water.



**Contact us for more information at:**  
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## Remove Clean Water from the Sanitary Sewer System

During extended or heavy rainfall events, inflow and infiltration into the sanitary sewer system can cause wet basements.



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## Splash Gutter Downspouts

The easiest solution is to re-move any downspouts that are connected to the sewer and splash the water to a grass area, rain garden, rain barrel, or dry well. Property owners should verify that downspouts are splashed away from the building and foundation and the ground is sloped away from the building. Also, do not direct the down-spout to a neighboring property and cause issues with their foundation or drainage.



## Sump Pump Discharge

Remove the sump pump discharge from the sanitary sewer system and splash the water to the grass area, rain garden, dry well, or storm sewer. Property owners should verify that the discharge is splashed away from the building foundation and the ground is sloped away from the building. Do not direct discharge to a neighboring property and cause drainage or foundation flooding. Sump pump discharge on to a public sidewalk or street is prohibited.



## Rain Gardens

Rain Gardens may be an option for property owners to consider when removing clean water connections or wanting to improve the water quality of our area. Rain gardens can be used in low areas that are naturally wet or where downspouts and sump pumps are directed onto the ground. The plantings in the rain garden help to transpire water and the soil allows percolation.

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