

NOTICE

ILLEGAL CONNECTIONS DURING HEAVY RAINS ARE OVERWHELMING OUR SEWER SYSTEM!

THIS IS COSTLY TO THE AUTHORITY AND CAN ULTIMATELY RESULT IN RATE INCREASES OR SURCHARGES.

DOWNSPOUTS, ROOF LEADERS, GUTTERS, AREA DRAINS, FRENCH DRAINS, STAIRWELL DRAINS, DRIVEWAY DRAINS AND SUMP PUMPS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE CONNECTED TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM.

PLEASE INSPECT YOUR SYSTEM TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE NO ILLEGAL CONNECTIONS ALLOWING SURFACE WATER (RUNOFF) INTO THE SANITARY SYSTEM.

IF YOU HAVE AN ILLEGAL CONNECTION, YOU MUST CORRECT IT IMMEDIATELY. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING AN ILLEGAL CONNECTION, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.

THESE ILLEGAL CONNECTIONS CREATE AN OVERLOAD IN THE COLLECTION SYSTEM DURING HEAVY RAINS, CAUSING THE SYSTEM TO BE OVERWHELMED.

IF YOU ARE GETTING FLOODED DURING A HEAVY RAIN EVENT, YOU SHOULD CONSIDER INSTALLING A BACKFLOW PREVENTER (CHECK VALVE), WHICH IS A DEVICE THAT PREVENTS SEWAGE FROM BACKING UP AND FLOODING A BUILDING. CONTACT A PLUMBER FOR DETAILS.

AS A REMINDER, PROPERTY DAMAGE RESULTING FROM SEWAGE BACKING UP INTO YOUR HOME IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOMEOWNER, NOT THE AUTHORITY. MANY INSURANCE COMPANIES OFFER PRODUCTS TO PROTECT HOMEOWNERS FROM A SEWER BACK UP, BUT IT IS USUALLY NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR TYPICAL HOMEOWNERS POLICY. CHECK WITH YOUR INSURANCE AGENT ABOUT COVERAGE.

DURING THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS, AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES WILL BE INSPECTING HOMES FOR ILLEGAL CONNECTIONS. INSPECTIONS MAY INCLUDE VISUAL INSPECTIONS, DYE TESTING, AND SMOKE TESTING. YOU WILL RECEIVE A CALL TO NOTIFY YOU PRIOR TO ANY SMOKE TESTING OR IF ACCESS TO YOUR BASEMENT IS NEEDED. WE WILL NOT CALL IF WE ARE DOING DYE OR VISUAL INSPECTIONS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING ILLEGAL CONNECTIONS, BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICES, OR SEWER INSTALLATION SPECIFICATIONS, YOU MAY VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.MAWT.NET. OR CALL THE OFFICE AT 724-929-3370.