

Sump Pump Program Public Informational Meeting

Date: April 27, 2023 at 5:30pm

City Hall - Council Chambers

Presenter: Bill Angerman, P.E.

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engineers + planners + land surveyors

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Meeting Objectives



Objective One

What is inflow and infiltration?



Objective Two

Why are we doing this program?



Objective Three

Discuss program approach and details



Objective Four

Frequently asked questions

What is I/I?

Inflow and Infiltration



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INFLOW

- A** Roof Drain Connection
- B** Sump Pump or Foundation Drain Connection
- C** Deteriorated Manhole
- D** Uncapped or Broken Clean-Out
- E** Storm Cross Connection

INFILTRATION

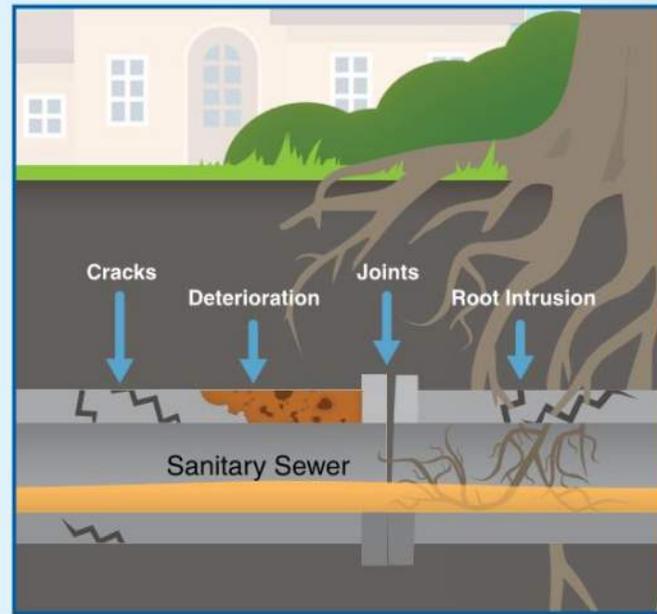
- F** Faulty Manhole Cover/Frame
- G** Root Intrusion
- H** Open Joints
- I** Faulty Service Connection
- J** Broken or Cracked Pipe

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Some Sources of I/I



Inflow is clear water that quickly enters the wastewater system after rainfall events from sources such as sewer cleanouts, sump pumps, gutters, building foundation drains, and broken maintenance hole covers.



Infiltration is clear water that gradually enters the wastewater system below ground through cracks and openings in sewer service lines and joints, and public sewer mains and deteriorated maintenance holes.

I/I in Austin

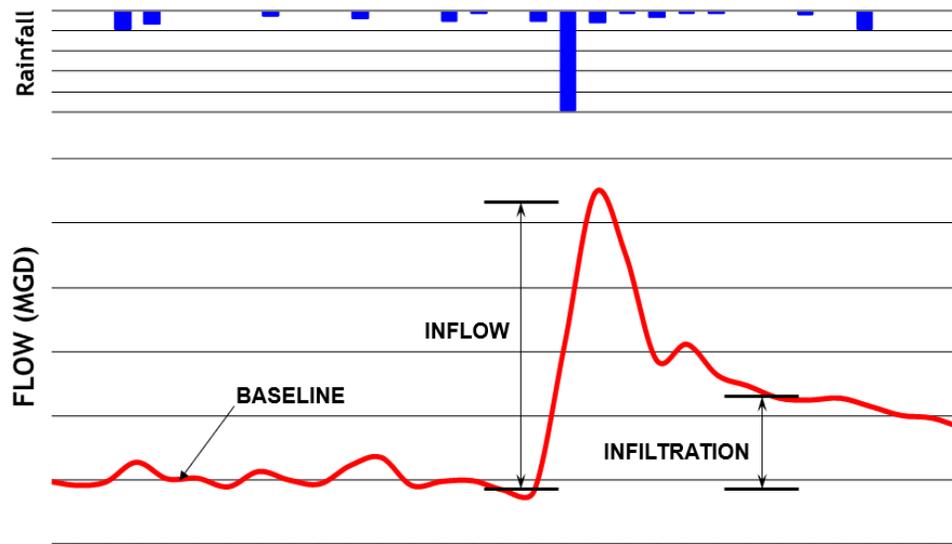
Austin System Description:

Average Dry Weather (ADW) flow (MGD): 2.6

Average Wet Weather (AWW) flow (MGD): 6.3

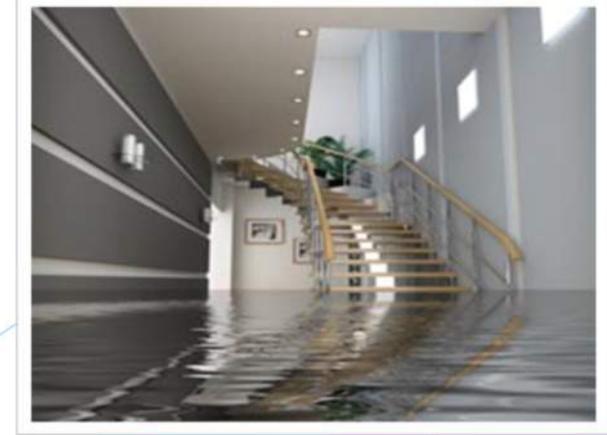
Peak Instantaneous Wet Weather (PIWW) flow (MGD): 19.8

**760%
Average**



Consequences of Excessive I/I

- ▶ Low customer satisfaction
- ▶ Costs greater than needed
- ▶ Potential health risks
- ▶ Property damage
- ▶ Regulatory actions



Effects of I/I on Austin

- ▶ Lift Station Upgrades
- ▶ Sewer Rate Increases
- ▶ Sanitary Sewer Overflows
- ▶ Extra Costs for WWTP Upgrades



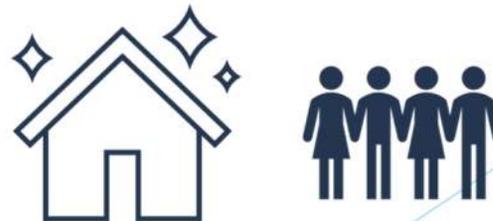
Why are we doing this Program?

- ▶ Sump pump programs are typically the MOST cost effective method to reduce I/I in the system.
- ▶ Removing I/I from the sanitary sewer:

- **Saves Money:** Reduces future rate increases

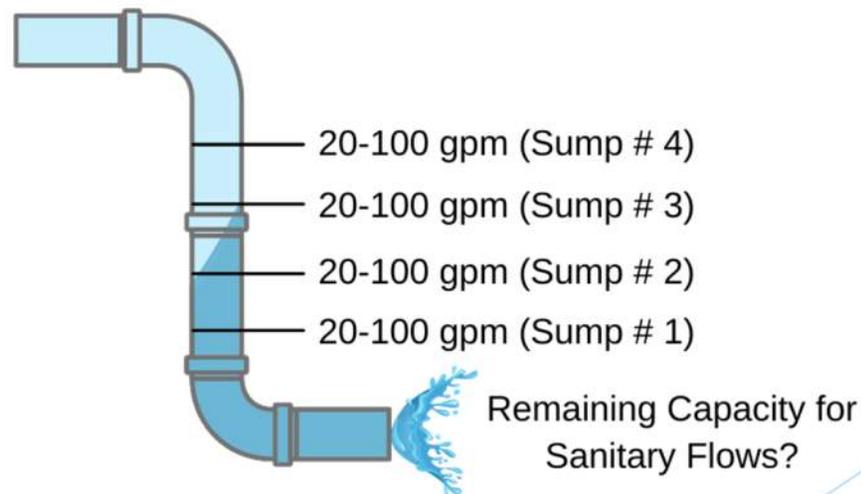


- **It's the Neighborly thing to do:** Reduces potential for backups & property damage



Why a Sump Pump Program?

- ▶ A few sump pumps can make a big difference
 - ▶ Typical sump pump 20-100 gpm a piece
 - ▶ Typical 8" sewer capacity 350 gpm
 - ▶ As few as FOUR pumps can take up the pipe capacity and cause a backup in the neighborhood.



Sump Pump Program Approach

- ▶ Ordinance Modification
- ▶ Public Info
- ▶ Public Meetings
- ▶ Scheduling
- ▶ Inspections



Key Aspects to Ordinance Revision

- ▶ Chapter 3 of Austin Code of Ordinances prohibited clear water connections before Amendment
- ▶ Amended Ordinance allows City to verify compliance
 - ▶ Key Aspects:
 - Sump pumps, beaver drains, footing drains, defective laterals, etc. are prohibited from discharging to sanitary sewer
 - Rigid discharge piping, no valves or flex hose
 - Sump pits must have pumps

Austin, MN Code of Ordinances

CHAPTER 3: MUNICIPAL AND PUBLIC UTILITIES; RULES AND REGULATIONS; RATES AND CHARGES

Key Aspects to Ordinance Revision (Cont.)

▶ Key Aspects:

- City, City’s representative, or private plumber inspects
- 30 days to inspect, 90 days to correct deficiencies
- City can issue \$100/month surcharge for violations or no inspection

Austin, MN Code of Ordinances

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Public Info



A successful program benefits the City by reducing backups, protecting health, and controlling costs

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Information available in print and on the web at

- www.AustinSump.com
- City of Austin Social Media



Austin Daily Herald Article

Invitation to attend public info meeting (all sectors) and schedule inspection (red only)

City of Austin
500 Fourth Avenue N.E.
Austin, Minnesota 55912-3773



Sump Pump Hotline
Toll free 1-844-630-0878

April 11, 2023

To: John Sample
Sump Inspection for building at 123 Sample St

RE: Sump Pump Inspection Program - **MEETING AND INSPECTION INVITE**

The City of Austin prohibits the discharge of clear water into the sanitary sewer system. Clear water from any roof, surface, ground, sump pump, footing tile, swimming pool, seepage collection system ("beaver system") or other natural precipitation is prohibited from discharging into the sanitary sewer.

Due to evidence of non-compliance during wet weather, the City has adopted an ordinance that requires **mandatory sump pump inspections** of all buildings with sewer accounts. The mandatory sump pump inspections will verify that sump pumps, roof drains, and other clear water sources are not connected to the sanitary sewer system. The engineering firm, WHKS & Co. is coordinating this program and will serve as Project consultant.

Why is the City conducting the sump pump inspections?

- Sump pump programs are typically the most effective method to reduce clear water from the sanitary sewer collection system.
- Removing clear water from the sanitary sewer system:
 - Protects your investment in sewer infrastructure
 - Reduces the potential for property damage
 - Helps the City improve customer satisfaction
 - Helps to ensure compliance with residential, commercial and industrial developments can be allowed within the city.
- All buildings with sewer accounts will be inspected. A typical inspection is completed in under 15 minutes.

If you are receiving this letter, your inspection will take place in 2023. Northcentral area of Austin — generally north of Oakland Avenue West, west of Main Street North, and east of 14th Street Northwest— will be inspected in 2023. The city-wide program has been completed in phases and it is currently in its fifth phase of six. Northcentral area is separated into approximately five sectors, designated by a color (red, yellow, green, blue, and purple), to stagger inspection times throughout the year. **Your property is in the Red Sector and is invited to schedule an inspection.**

The City will host a **public informational meeting on Thursday, April 27th at 5:30 pm at Austin City Hall in the Council Chambers** to discuss scheduling of inspections, length of inspection, proper sump pump connection, and other miscellaneous items.

Your anticipated cooperation is greatly appreciated in completing this program. If you have any questions, or would like to review the Ordinance, please contact the WHKS & Co. office toll free at 1-844-630-0878.

Sincerely,

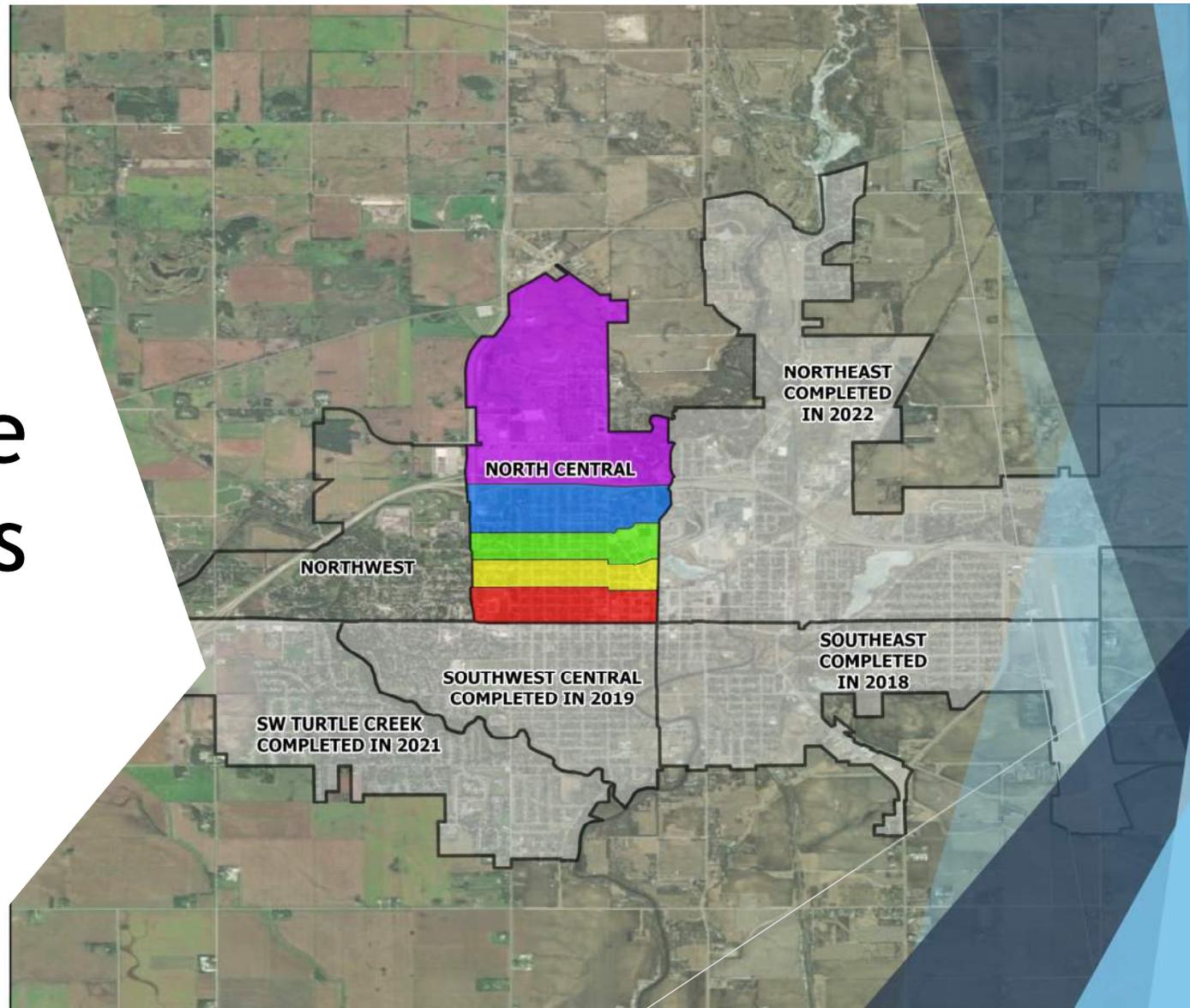
Steven J. Lang P.E. – City Engineer

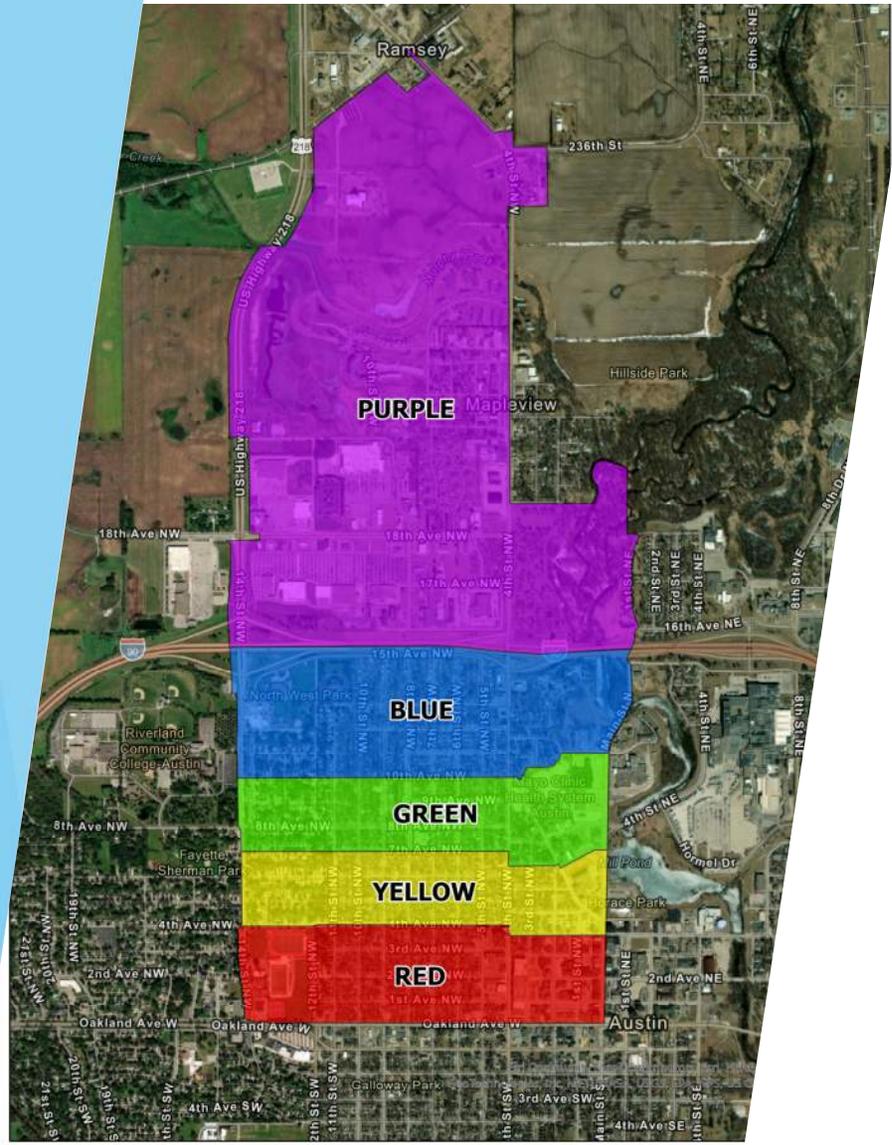
Scheduling

- ▶ All inspections are scheduled, no door-to-door inspections
- ▶ Scheduling is fast and easy
- ▶ Schedule through website or telephone
- ▶ Residents will receive a letter when it is time for their sector to schedule inspections.
 - **RED** Sector has already received an inspection invite letter.



Citywide Sectors





2023 - Northcentral Inspection Sectors



Scheduling and Info Website AustinSump.com



Austin Sump Inspection

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[schedule inspection](#)

SUMP PUMP INSPECTION PROGRAM

Updated 4/11/23

Received a Letter? [Click Here](#) to Schedule an Inspection

Have a Question? Please call toll free 844-630-0878.

Want to know more about the program? Review the information below.

- [Who is getting an inspection?](#)
- [Why is this important?](#)
- [What should I do?](#)
- [What is an inspection?](#)
- [What's the next step?](#)

Who is getting an inspection?

The City of Austin is continuing its mandatory sump pump inspection program. To complete the program the City is divided in to six areas: Southeast, Southcentral, Southwest, Northeast Northcentral, and Northwest. In 2023 the City will be completing the fifth of six phases in the Northcentral area. The Northcentral area of Austin is generally north of Oakland Avenue West, west of Main Street North, and east of 14th Street Northwest.

** NEWS **

A **Public Informational Meeting** will be held on

April 27th, 2023 at 5:30pm

at Austin City Hall in the Council Chambers.

Meeting will discuss the scheduling of inspections, length of inspections, proper sump pump connections and other miscellaneous items.

Information from the meeting will be posted in the [Notices](#) section.

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Scheduling and Info Website AustinSump.com

Schedule Inspection

This building does not have an inspection scheduled.

- ▶ [Schedule Inspection](#)
Select a time for an inspection of 133E
- ▶ [Edit Notes](#)
Provide special instructions for inspectors or other information about your property.

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Scheduling Calendar

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				1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	

April 22

Click the time below to schedule.

- 7:15am - 7:30am
- 7:30am - 7:45am
- 9:15am - 9:30am
- 9:45am - 10:00am
- 10:30am - 10:45am
- 11:00am - 11:15am
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Scheduling and Info Website

AustinSump.com

Residents Welcome Screen

Schedule Inspection

You have an inspection appointment scheduled for April 21, 8:00 AM



Schedule Inspection

Select a time for an inspection.



Edit Notes

Provide special instructions for inspectors or other information about your property.

Scheduling and Info Website AustinSump.com

Resident Log Out & Appointment Confirmation

You are Logged Out

Yay!

You have logged out. You have an inspection appointment scheduled for 04/21/2015 8:00 AM Thank you for participating in this program.

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The Inspection

- ▶ Completed in under 15 minutes, many under 5 minutes
- ▶ Adult must be present
- ▶ Inspector looks at:
 - Sump pumps
 - Beaver drains
 - Roof drains
 - Site grading
- ▶ Notice of Violation and instructional diagrams given, if needed

Inspector Identification

AUSTIN - I/I PROGRAM INSPECTOR



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GROWING TOGETHER

BRET BAUMBACH



Example



All inspections are scheduled

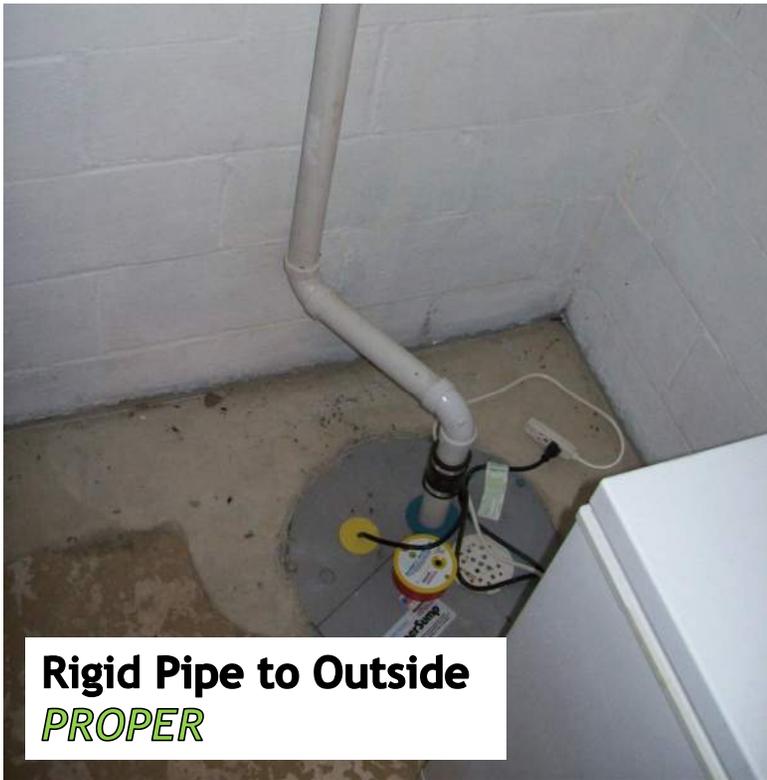


No door-to-door



WHKS logos on: Badges
Clothing
Vehicles

Installation Examples: Sump Pumps



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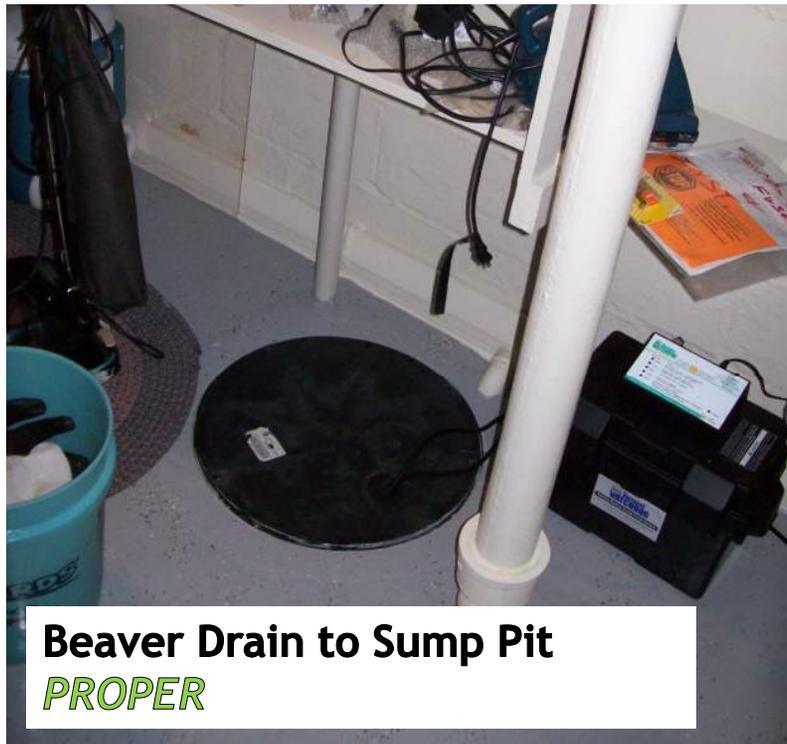


Rigid Pipe to Outside
PROPER

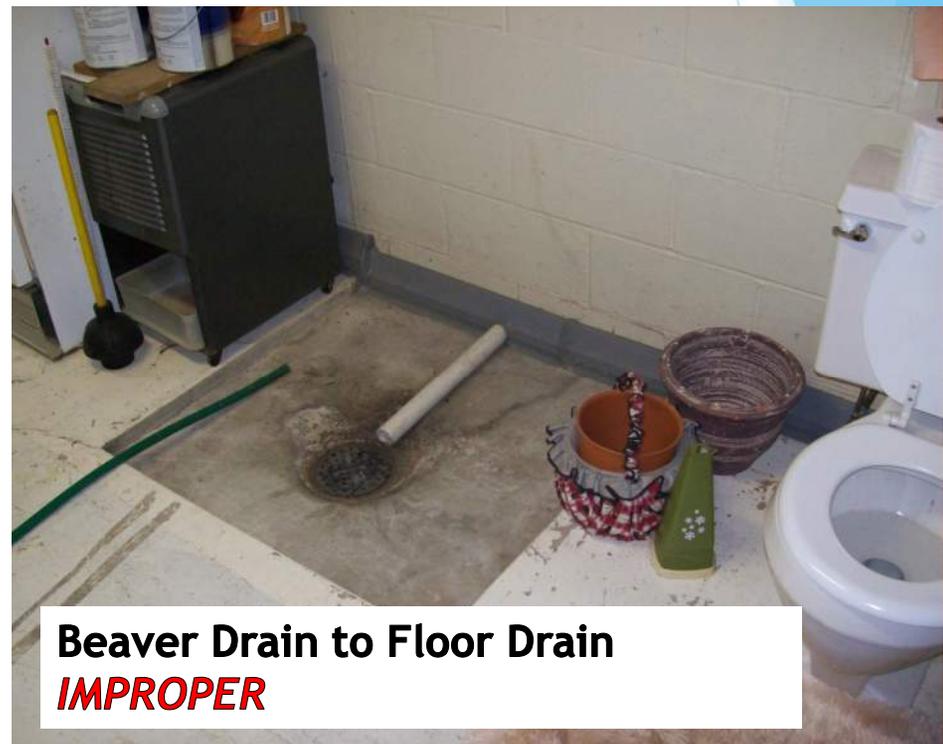


Flex Hose to Outside
IMPROPER

Installation Examples: Beaver Drains



Beaver Drain to Sump Pit
PROPER



Beaver Drain to Floor Drain
IMPROPER

Installation Examples: Beaver Drain/Tile



Installation Examples: Sump Pump with direct connection



Rigid Pipe to Outside
PROPER



Sump Pump to Floor Drain
IMPROPER

Inspection Form

Inspector _____
 Plumbing License # _____

**City of Austin
 Sump Pump Inspection Report**

A. Initial Inspection

- Owner and Address:
 - Owner Name(s): _____
 - Address: _____
 - Occupants Name (if different): _____
 - Owner Address (s): (if different) _____
- Date of Initial Inspection: _____
- Date of construction and Building Type? Building built in year _____ (ex. 1959)
 Note residential, apt., commercial, industrial: _____
- History of backups or flooding? Note date, source, and actions taken: _____

- Does building have:
 - Yes No Exterior grading sloping towards the building?
 - Yes No Roof drains that go into the ground?
 - Yes No Basement?
 - Yes No Seepage collection (beaver) system?
 - Yes No Sump pit?
- If building has a **roof drain** that goes into the ground, which of the following apply?
 - It is properly constructed to discharge to open air or storm system.
 - It is improperly constructed to discharge into the sanitary sewer system.
 - Discharge location not determined.
- If there is a **seepage collection (beaver) system**, which of the following apply?
 - It is properly constructed to discharge into a sump pit
 - It is improperly constructed to discharge into the sanitary sewer system.
 - Discharge location not determined.
- If there is a **sump pit**, which of the following apply?
 - Pump is properly plumbed to discharge outside the basement through rigid piping.
 - Pump is improperly plumbed to discharge into the sanitary sewer system.
 - Pump has the capability of discharging into the sanitary sewer system (ex. flex hose).
 - There is a pit with no pump. Plumbing is checked as (a) (b) or (c) if present.
 - Discharge location not determined.
- Other comments (exterior drains, uncapped cleanouts, inactive sump pit, etc): _____

- Photos taken of Interior Sumps and Collection System, and Building Exterior? Yes No
- If 6b, 7b, 8b or 8c was checked, a Violation Notice was given to the Occupant or Owner directing them to correct the violation by (date): _____

PASS _____ **FAIL** _____ **City Follow-Up** _____

Property Address _____ Page 2 of 2

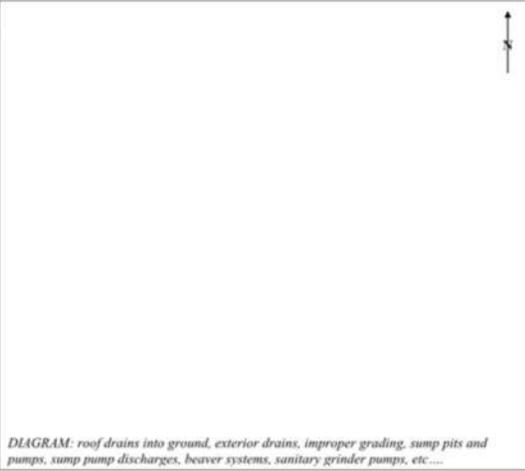


DIAGRAM: roof drains into ground, exterior drains, improper grading, sump pits and pumps, sump pump discharges, beaver systems, sanitary grinder pumps, etc....

B. Subsequent Inspection

- Date of subsequent inspection: _____
- Inspection conducted by: _____
- Does the building now comply with the applicable Ordinance for the City of Austin?
 Yes No

I hereby verify that the City Representative has inspected the above-described sump pump and the information set forth above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Occupant/Owner _____

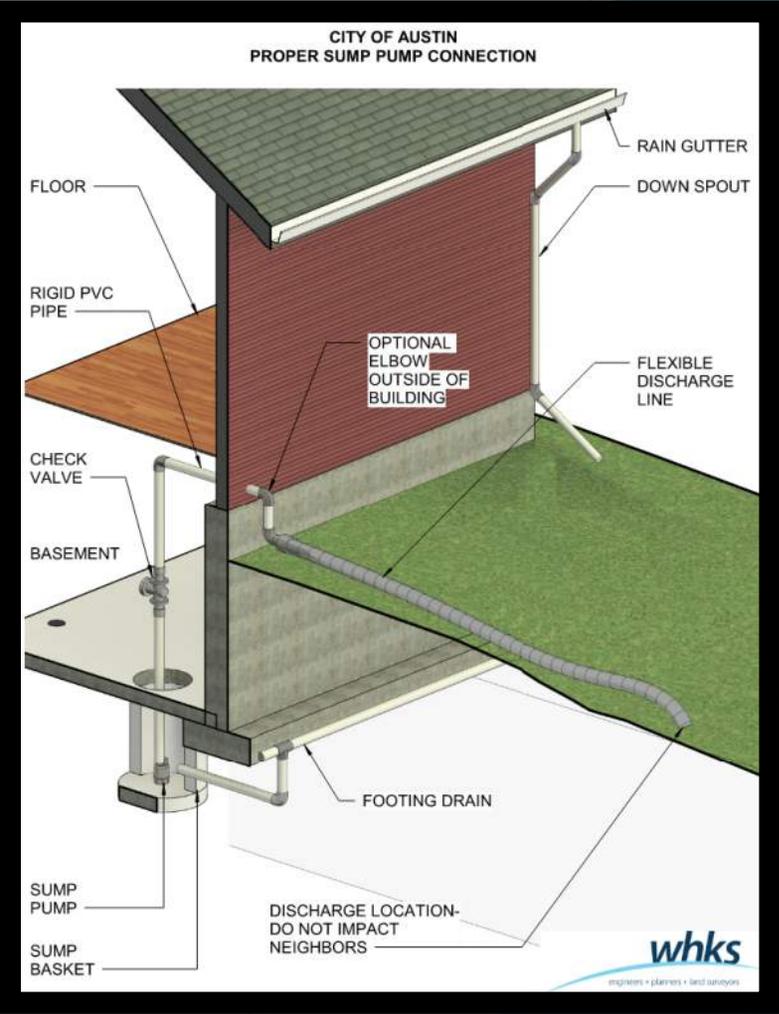
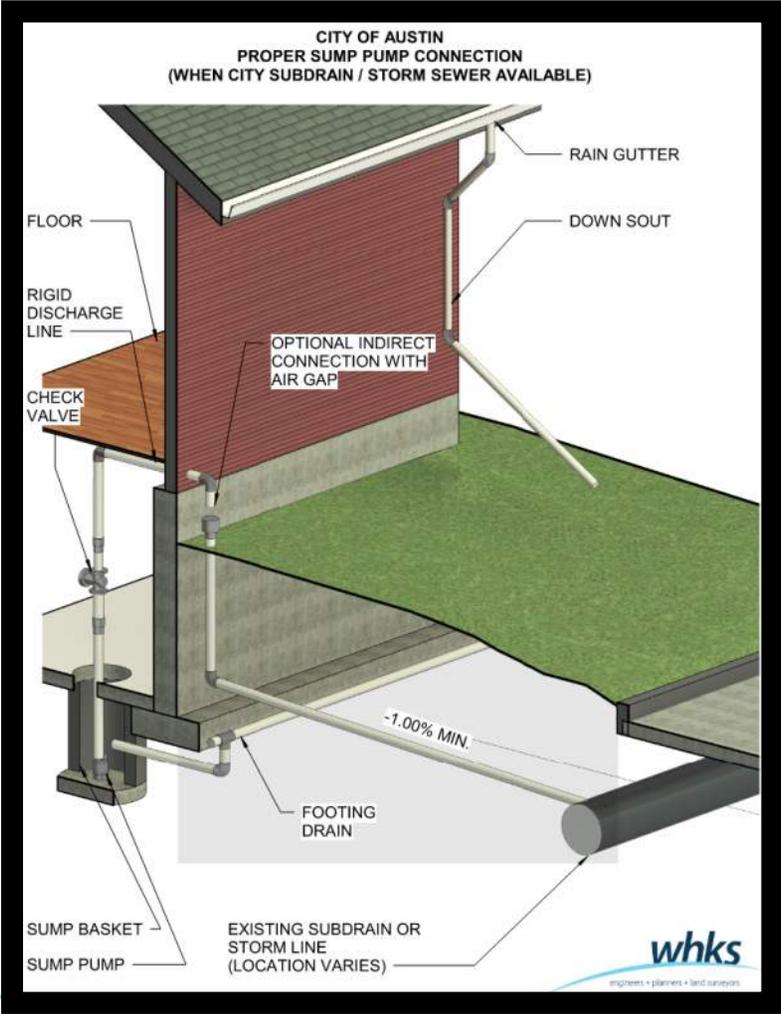
Date _____

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City Representative
 Licensed Plumbers: sign with license #.

Date _____

Sump Pump Diagrams



Approximate Inspection Timeline

Item	Date
Public Information Meeting	April 27, 2023
Sump Pump Inspections	
Red Sector	May - June 2023
Yellow Sector	May - June 2023
Green Sector	July 2023
Blue Sector	August 2023
Purple Sector	September 2023
All Inspections Completed	November 2023

Next Steps

1. Wait for scheduling letter to arrive.
2. Then contact us by phone or login to website to schedule the appointment.



Questions?



Contact and Project Information

- ▶ Contact/ Project information
 - Bryan Kaemingk, P.E. (507) 288-3923
 - Scheduling Website: AustinSump.com
 - Call toll- free: (844) 630-0878

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