

PRIVATE PROPERTY INFLOW REMOVAL PROGRAM



CROMWELL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

SUMP PUMP/INFLOW DISCONNECTION

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT POLICY

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR REMOVAL OF ILLEGAL SUMP PUMP DISCHARGES. Any sanitary sewer system customer (hereinafter, "Customer") completing the disconnection of an illegal sump pump or inflow source from the sanitary sewer system is entitled to apply for a financial assistance grant from the Cromwell Water Pollution Control Authority ("CWPCA").

The financial assistance grant is available to Customers only upon application to the CWPCA. All grants are subject to available funding on a first come, first served basis. Only one grant is available per property and will be paid only upon project completion.

The grant amount will not exceed fifty-percent (50%) of actual costs incurred for disconnection and redirection of flows up to a maximum reimbursement of \$3000.00 and under the following conditions:

1. Customer must perform the disconnect using a licensed contractor.
2. All sump pump/inflow sources must be disconnected from the sanitary sewer system and discharges must be properly redirected onto the yard or sump pit located wholly within the property boundaries such that there will be no negative effect on neighboring properties and roads or discharges may be directed into a Town approved public storm drain system that is located directly adjacent to the property.
3. Financial assistance grants shall be subject to compliance with an approved removal procedure and shall be subject to inspection by the Cromwell Sewer Department.
4. Such payment shall be subject to the submittal of invoices, vouchers and documentation clearly establishing the costs incurred.
5. The approved removal procedure must be completed within 180 calendar days of notice to disconnect.
6. All applications must be filed no later than 90 calendar days after final inspection by the Cromwell Sewer Department.

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APPROVED REMOVAL PROCEDURE. The approved removal procedure of a direct or indirect sump pump/inflow connection to the sanitary sewer system for purposes of the financial assistance grant must fully comply with the following:

1. **Prior Inspection.** Prior to any work on the removal or disconnection of the sump pump/inflow connection, the existing connection shall be inspected by the Sewer Department. The Customer shall be responsible for obtaining any required plumbing and/or excavation permits and to schedule any required inspection(s) with the appropriate Town department(s).
2. **Approved System.** An approved system for the removal of sump pump/inflow connections must be used. The approved system shall meet the provisions as outlined in CWPCA regulations and shall discharge to a Town approved storm drain connection, footing drain collection connection, or yard location.
3. **Plugging of Existing Connection.** Any direct or indirect connection between the sump pump/inflow source and the sanitary sewer system of the building shall be permanently plugged in accordance with the adopted Plumbing Code.
4. **Prohibited Sump Pump Connection.** The new system shall be installed in such a manner that direct or indirect flow from the sump pump to a floor drain shall not be possible.
5. **Post-Construction Inspection.** The installation of the sump pump and associated facilities work shall be inspected by the Sewer Department. Customer shall be responsible to schedule the post-construction inspection.

REMOVAL OF PROPERTIES NOT GIVEN NOTICE. Based upon available funding, any Customer maintaining an illegal sump pump/inflow discharge to the sanitary sewer is also entitled to apply for a financial assistance grant provided the Customer meets all conditions and timelines established herein..

CONDITIONS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT. All grant applications must be signed by the owner(s) of the property and as further conditions of the grant must agree in writing to the following:

1. **Inspection.** The Sewer Department, on reasonable notice, may inspect the sump pump/inflow connection at any time during normal business hours.
2. **Maintenance and Repair.** The property owner(s) are responsible to maintain the corrected sump pump/inflow system and complete any necessary repairs or replacement of the system in a timely manner.
3. **Discharge Modifications Prohibited.** The property owner shall agree not to modify the corrected sump pump/inflow discharge in any manner that would directly or indirectly flow into the sanitary sewer system.

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4. **Agreement Runs with the Land.** The property owner shall agree in a written promise that the conditions hereof shall run with the land (passing with a transfer of the property) and will be recorded by the CWPCA on the land records of the Town of Cromwell.

Non-Compliance Charge for Sump Pump/Inflow Connection. The property owner shall be subjected to the Code of the Town of Cromwell, Chapter 193-9, Sewers/Article I, Connections and Use regarding the violation for sump pump/inflow connection in the event the property owner fails to disconnect, repair or replace the sump pump/inflow or to cure any other prohibited modifications of the system.

Sump Pump: is a pump used to remove water that has accumulated in a water collecting sump basin, commonly found in the basement of homes.

Inflow Sources: roof leaders, foundation drains, storm or yard drains connected to the sewer system.

**Adopted by,
Cromwell Water Pollution Control Authority, September 12, 2016**

Alice Kelly, Chairman

Copies of this document are available at the offices of the Town Clerk and Cromwell Water Pollution Control Authority, 41 West Street, Cromwell, CT 06416