



Why you shouldn't discharge your sump pump into the sewer...



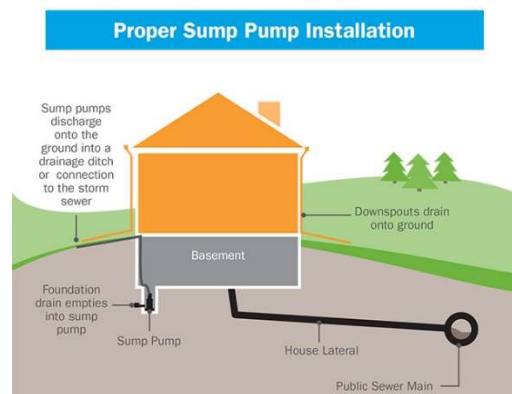
1.) **It is illegal** according to the **MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PORTAGE, INDIANA; ARTICLE II. - SEWER SERVICE; DIVISION 3. – CONNECTIONS; Sec. 82-65. Prohibited discharges into public sewers; testing.**

(a) No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any stormwater, surface water, groundwater, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, uncontaminated cooling water, or unpolluted industrial process waters to any sanitary sewer.

(b) Stormwater and all other unpolluted drainage shall be discharged to such sewers as are specifically designated as combined sewers or stormsewers, or to a natural outlet as approved by the superintendent. Industrial cooling water or unpolluted process waters may be discharged, on approval of the superintendent, to a storm sewer, combined sewer, or natural outlet.

2.) **Overwhelming the sewer system.** During a heavy rainstorm, the volume of water that sump pumps can move is more than the municipal sewer system, wastewater lift stations and the wastewater treatment facility are designed to handle. If the sewer main gets overwhelmed, then wastewater can get backed up into your sewer line or even into your home. **Not good!**

3.) **Environmental impact.** When wastewater facilities are overloaded, they can dump sewage or only partially cleaned water into local water outlets, which is harmful to the environment.



Sump pumps should discharge only into the yard or storm sewer – not to the sanitary sewer.