Storm Line Connection Fee Schedule

$0.00 If you complete separation work on your property prior to your request for a storm drain connection and prior to the installation of the new pipe in front of your property.

$250.00 If your property is not yet separated prior to your request for a storm drain connection and installation of new pipe in front of your house, you can request a connection in the street. You will then be billed $250 on your storm/ sewer bill. This $250 is fully refundable once the separation on your property is complete and confirmed.

Full Cost of Construction: If the new pipe is installed in front of your property and you choose not to request a storm drain connection and pay the deposit you will be responsible for all future storm drain separation and connection costs associated with connection to the pipe in the street.

Contact Information:

For review of stormwater on your property call Tighe and Bond:

413-572-3248

For sewer/stormwater work updates call DPW-Engineering:

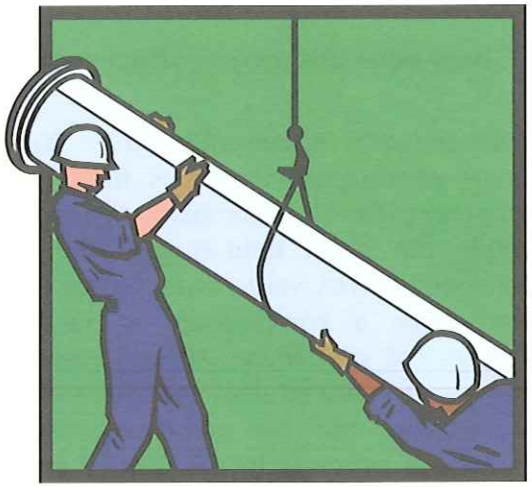
413-594-3416

For general information call the Water Pollution Control Facility:

413-594-3585

Contact any of the above for information on residential stormwater separation

Sewer/ Stormwater Separation and Your Property:



What You Need To Know

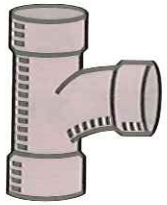
Why is this project happening?

Sanitary waste originates from toilets, sinks, showers, washing machines, etc. Stormwater comes from rain that has entered catch basins and, in some cases, roof downspouts, sumps, and foundation drains. Now, the existing sewer system in your area has only one pipe that carries both sanitary sewage and stormwater.

This sewer project involves the installation of new pipes that will separate these two different types of wastes. The completed work will not only greatly improve service and reduce back-ups in your area, but it will also significantly decrease Chicopee's pollutants to the Connecticut River.

How does this project affect you?

Your property is currently served by a sewer service/pipe that runs from your property to the City's combined sewer pipe within the street right-of-way. Like the combined sewer, your sewer service may also carry a combination of sanitary sewage and stormwater. Although the City may have allowed the introduction of stormwater into the combined system from your property in the past, there is now a Federally required City Ordinance that prohibits the introduction of stormwater into the sanitary system.



For the planned sewer separation project to be effective, the City must now require that all private property owners separate the two types of waste so that they can be connected to the new appropriately separated pipes. If you have roof downspouts, sump pumps, or drains from your buildings or paved areas connected to the sewer, you must provide a separate storm drain service for them on your property. Non-separated storm drainage from your property could overload the new sanitary sewer pipes and cause back-ups onto the street and private properties, including your own.

What are your responsibilities?

Do you have one of the following on your property: Sump pump, floor drains, roof drains connected to the sewer, drain pipe or storm drain?

1. No– No action is required by you.
2. Yes- A. Call one of the contacts on the back of the flyer as soon as possible
   B. You must disconnect the sump pump, floor drain or roof drain from the sewer.
   C. You must connect to the new storm drain.

3. Property owners are responsible for the segregation of stormwater discharge on their property, including the associated cost of the service, including design, labor, materials and equipment necessary for installation and restoration. Interior work, if applicable for separating roof drains from sanitary sewage, the exterior work must be performed by a licensed plumber and contractor with sewer service installation experience. All work must be in compliance with the City Plumbing Code, the Sewer Use Code Chapter 230 and DPW Regulations.

What will the City provide?

If you complete the work on your property prior to the City installing the storm drain in front of your house, the City will provide you with a storm drain connection at your property line. If you complete the work after the City installs the new pipe in front of your house, you will be responsible for all connection costs to that storm drain pipe in the street.

The City has authorized their consulting engineers at Tighe & Bond to meet with individual property owners to discuss, on a one-time basis, the project scope and discuss its impact on your property.

If you continue to discharge from your roof drain, sump pump or building drain lines to the sewer after this project the City will have no choice but to disconnect your sewer service.