

Stormwater Discharge Management FAQ

Sump pumps and pipe discharges and the location of their discharge are regulated as required by Mt. Lebanon Code of [Ordinances Chapter XV Streets and Sidewalks Part 3 Section 303.](#)

Most interior subsoil drains that tie into a sump pump, pumping water to the exterior, require a permit through the inspection's office. Contact the inspection's office at 412-343-3408 with questions.

Here are frequently asked questions regarding the regulations.

What do I do if I have an existing sump pump or pipe discharge from my property?

If the discharge is not causing a build-up of ice in the public right of way, including the sidewalk or street, **or is NOT adversely impacting an abutting property**, nothing is required. Otherwise, its discharge must be addressed by doing one of the following:

- Direct the discharge to a municipal storm sewer system that can accommodate the flow from the sump or pipe.
- Move the discharge to another point on the owner's property where the discharge can be dissipated without issue
- Move the discharge to a point 10 feet from the property/street right of way line

Who pays for the work required to move the discharge?

The property owner operating the sump or pipe.

What if I want to install a new pipe or sump pump that will discharge to the street?

Since discharges to the street are not allowed, for cases where there may be no other choice, the municipal Engineer or his designee may permit an exception when it can be proven through documentation, demonstrating that the discharge will not be a nuisance.

How do I discharge the contents of sump or pipe?

The discharge of the pipe or sump may be handled in several different ways. It may be directed onto the ground surface at a minimum of 10 feet from any property/street right of way line and in a manner that is approved by the Municipal Engineer. It may also go directly into a storm sewer conveyance system with adequate capacity to convey the discharge.

If neither method is available, the discharge can be made in a location approved by the Municipal engineer.

What determines a good location?

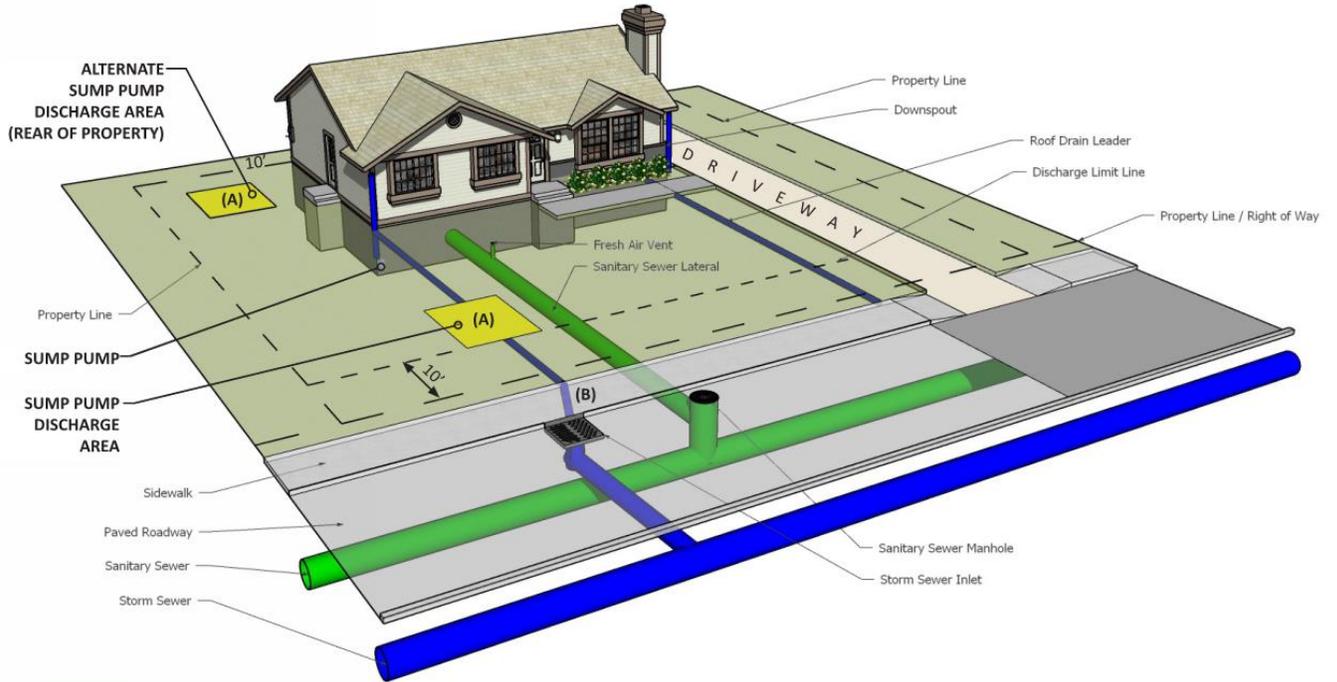
The discharge must not cause a nuisance such as street icing or erosion.

See Graphic below on best practices for sump and pipe installation

SUMP PUMP DISCHARGE TREATMENT GUIDELINE

MT. LEBANON ORDINANCE NO. 6-20 REGULATES SUMP DISCHARGE

1. Discharge must be at least 10' from street right of way line (Example A) OR connected to a storm sewer (Example B).
2. Preferred connection is to municipal storm sewer.
It is strongly recommended to call the Mt. Lebanon Inspections Office at 412-343-3408 to arrange for review to plan before installation.



Step 2 Find the Solution

We recommend using a catch basin system to safely and efficiently drain water away from your rain gutter downspout.

Rain gutters collect water from the perimeter of your roof and direct it to a downspout. Installing a catch basin beneath each downspout will prevent this water from draining to your home's foundation. Catch basins easily connect to drain pipes where the water can drain to a safe location.

Select a capacity option: [Need Help Selecting?](#)

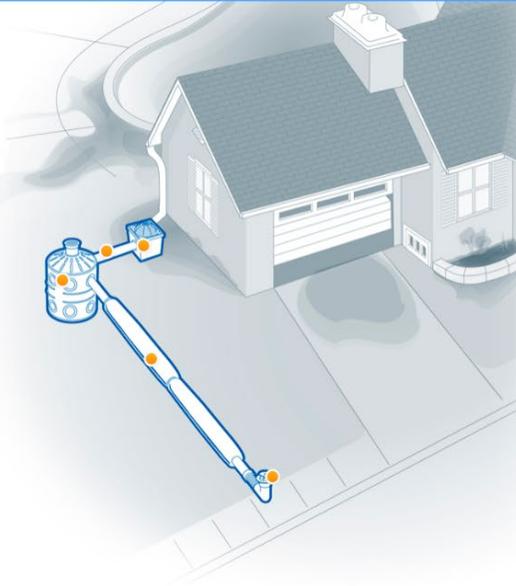
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Why Is This the Best Solution?

Large capacity to hold high intensity storm runoff. Captures roof and surface runoff and carries the water a safe distance away from the house before allowing water to slowly percolate back into the ground.

[Step 3: Installation Instructions](#)



Feedback



Storage vessels are readily available to store discharges from sumps and pipes in certain locations.