



Town of Merrillville

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Sump Pumps are the storm sewer pipes exiting from a resident's house. In newer subdivisions, the discharge goes into the Town's storm sewer system. In most areas, the sump pump discharge simply outlets into a resident's yard. If no storm sewer exists nearby, the resident must outlet the sump pump in their yard according to the following requirements:

- A sump pump's outlet point may not be within 10' of any property line. This includes the front Right-of-Way, all side lot lines, and rear lot lines
- Sump pump discharge may not affect any neighbor, cross a Town sidewalk, or become a safety hazard. In the event the sump pump discharge becomes a safety hazard the Town may ask a resident to move the location of the discharge, and ask the resident to mediate the safety hazard.
- If it is the winter, and a sump pump's discharge is causing ice to form across a sidewalk or into the street, this may form a potential safety hazard. The resident should remove the ice from the sidewalk and/or street, and notify Public Works or the Town Engineer of the problem.
- Each property owner is responsible to maintain drainage paths on their individual property according to the overall drainage pattern for the area. Additionally a property owner is not to create a drainage concern for a neighboring property. When a dispute arises between property owners, it needs to be settled among the parties involved, as the properties in question are privately owned. Town staff may offer suggestions for implementation, however it is up to property owners to make necessary changes to their properties.
- *It should be noted that under no circumstances may a sump pump discharge, a yard drain, or a roof drain be connected to the sanitary system.*

Town Engineer
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