

Public Notice

Unlawful Discharge of Water into Sanitary Sewer

The City of Grand Ledge has experienced two recent sanitary sewer overflow incidents into the Grand River following considerable precipitation events. One of the primary causes of these sewer overflow discharges to the river is stormwater which enters the City's sanitary sewer system from residential sump pumps and footing drains, which is unlawful. The City is taking both short and long term actions to reduce and eliminate the occurrence of these incidents in the future. In order to be successful in these endeavors, City and Oneida Township residents connected to the sanitary sewer systems are being asked to immediately discontinue the use of unlawfully connected sump pumps that are discharging water into a sanitary sewer.

Please be advised that the Code of the City of Grand Ledge, Chapter 167. Sewers, Article I. Sewer Use, § 167-3., C. provides:

No person shall discharge, cause to be discharged or permit the discharge of any stormwater, surface water, groundwater, roof runoff, footing drainage, cooling water or unpolluted industrial process wastewaters into any sanitary sewer. The property owner shall maintain the service lead in good condition to prevent the infiltration of groundwater or stormwater into the sanitary service lead through joints or defects in the lead.

§ 167-5. Violations, penalties and other remedies, further provides:

Any person violating any of the provisions of this article shall become liable to the City for any expense, loss or damage occasioned the City by reason of such violation.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and compliance in addressing this health, safety, and environmental concern. Please feel free to contact the City's Department of Public Services for questions and clarification at 517.627.2144

NOTE: For clarification, the City of Grand Ledge routinely monitors its drinking water according to Federal and State laws and has met or exceeded all regulatory requirements. The water the City delivers is safe to consume as determined by all current USEPA and MDEQ regulatory requirements.