

## Introduction

The City of Naugatuck will be conducting building inspection in sections of the Borough from November 9<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>. The goal of the building inspections is to identify defective and inappropriate connections to the sanitary sewer system. The City operates two 'water collection systems', one collects sewage and another collects storm and ground water. The sewage collection system should only carry water that needs to be treated (cleaned) prior to being discharge to a stream. Storm and ground water should be clean and not require treatment prior to discharge. When excessive clean water enters the sewage system it can overload the system and cause sewage to overflow or backup into the defective connection.

## What Happens During a Building Inspection?

An inspector will review your yard and basement for items that are typically connected to the wrong system and identify, where possible, to which system the item is connected. Items that are typically connected incorrectly are:

- sump pumps
- floor drains,
- yard and driveway drains
- roof leaders / gutters
- uncapped sewer cleanouts.
- foundation drains



The inspector will make a note of any items found to be incorrectly connected and photograph the connection.

## Why is there a Defective Connection and what Happens Now?

The connection could have been made at any time during the history of your house. Often the plumber connects *all* plumbing to single line that directs water to the sewage system. If defects are found, the City may contact you at some point in the future to request the connection be corrected. Often this is redirecting the water to the yard and away from the foundation. In other cases, such as yard drains, the inspector may not be able to determine the system to which the drain is connected. In this case further investigation may be required at a later date.



The City's inspector should require about 15 minutes of your time and will be carrying an identification badge indicating who they are. If you have further questions contact Kathryn of Hadlyme Environmental Engineers at 860-322-0644 or the Borough of Naugatuck Water Pollution Control at 203-720-7060.

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