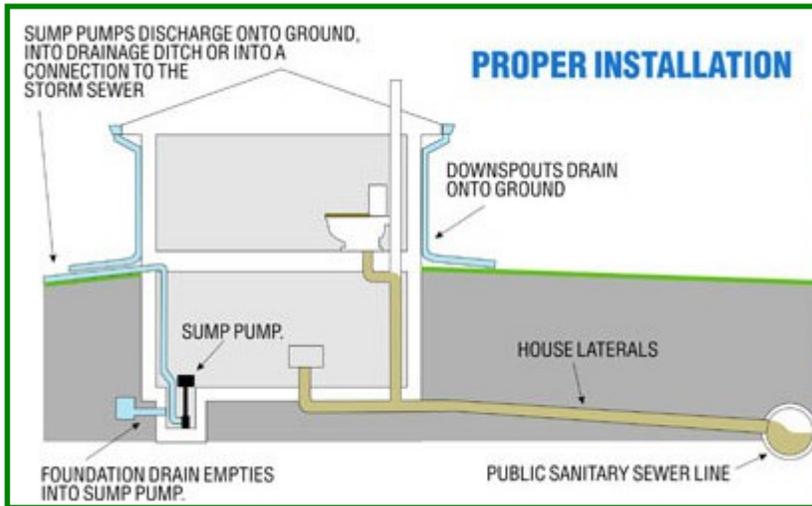


PROPER SUMP-PUMPING

This is the time of year we need to prepare for a spring thaw and potentially heavy spring rains. Your best defense against basement flooding and excess moisture is to have a sump pump, and one that is both set-up and working, properly.



A **sump pump** is a pump used to remove water that has accumulated in a sump pit, a pit which is found in the basement of your home for the purpose of collecting water. A sump pump is in many ways the last defense against flooding because it pumps out water from the lowest section of the basement before the water level reaches the basement floor level. *The sump pump pumps it out through a pipe that leads outside and away from your foundation.*

This is the key—that the pumped water goes **outside** either onto the **ground** or directly into a **storm sewer**, NOT into the sanitary sewer. The Village of Grantsburg's Health and Sanitation Ordinance Sec. 8-1-11(a) prohibits the discharge of sump pump water and other types of clearwater into the sanitary sewer.

Sump Pump Benefits

- Restores the proper value of your property
- Keeps your foundation intact
- Keeps the dampness from settling in, giving you a warmer, dryer basement all year round
- Results in a cleaner & healthier home
- Keeps you worry-free no matter what the weather is like outside
- Prevents fungus, molds and mildew
- A dry basement will prevent termite, carpenter ant and other insect infestations
- Prevents wall coverings and paint from peeling
- No rust and corrosion of metal appliances

As a homeowner, how can you tell where your sump pump is discharging? You are welcome to call the Village Public Works Department (463-2405) to arrange to have a member of the Public Works crew inspect your property to determine whether your sump pump is installed to discharge properly.

