

INFLOW REDUCTION PROGRAM

Village of Honeoye Falls
Inflow Reduction Program

Dear Resident

The Village of Honeoye Falls is continually looking to reduce the inflow of storm water to the sanitary sewer system. During many rain events in the village the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) and the Sewer System are pushed beyond capacity. When these events happen sewage can back up in basements and cause extensive damage.

Major Contributors to this problem are homes that have sump pumps, floor drains, and even gutters connected to the sanitary sewer system. The Village collected flow data in 2005-06 that proved this. This type of unpolluted storm water should be discharged to natural drainage or a separate storm system under Village Code 140-24 D. & E (see below).

The Village is now embarking on an Inflow Reduction Program to eliminate these connections. This will require an inspection of your basement and sanitary sewer line by a Village representative as allowed under Village Code 140-26 A. & B. (see enclosed) The Village needs to do this to comply with the NYS DEC recommendations to improve the performance of the WWTP and system.

We want to work with each individual resident that may need to make modifications to comply with our code. We will be able to offer some guidance and direction if needed. A reasonable time frame to make modifications will be given.

A Village representative will conduct the inspections over the next three months. Residents will receive a letter to schedule a date and time for an inspection.

Thank you,
Village of Honeoye Falls

140-24

D. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm-, surface and ground water, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, cooling water, impounded water or unpolluted industrial process waters to any sanitary sewer or public sewer.

E. Storm water and all other unpolluted drainage shall be discharged to such sewers as are specifically designated as storm sewers or to a natural outlet approved by the Superintendent of Sewers or other duly appointed public official. Industrial cooling water or other unpolluted process waters may be discharged to a storm sewer or natural outlet upon approval of the Superintendent of Sewers or other duly appointed public official.

140-26. Power and authority of inspectors.

A. The Superintendent of Sewers or other duly appointed public official, other duly authorized employees of the Village and representatives of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation bearing proper credentials shall be permitted to enter upon any property at reasonable hours for the purpose of inspecting, measuring, sampling, testing, repairing or disconnecting or for any purpose reasonably necessary to carry out and enforce the provisions of this Article.

B. The Board of Trustees of the Village may, at any time in its discretion, stop and prevent the discharge into the sewer system of any substance which it considers may injure the sewer system or interfere with its normal operation or obstruct the flow or hinder any process of sewage purification, and it may, in furtherance of this provision, sever the connection and cause the removal of any house lateral or building lateral through which such detrimental substances are being discharged or cause the water service to be discontinued, or both. No action shall be taken by the Board of Trustees to implement the foregoing provisions unless the Village shall have given the owner at least 48 hours' notice in writing stating the action to be taken and the grounds therefore, except that such notice shall not be required if immediate action is necessary to prevent injury to the sewer system or any part thereof.