



# Notice to Property Owners

## Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Assessment

The Town of St. Marys has begun a comprehensive **Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) assessment** on the wastewater collection system (sanitary system). **Please review the following information and check your property for illegal sanitary system connections.**

### What is Inflow and Infiltration and why is it important?

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Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) occurs when “clean” water (i.e. groundwater, surface water, stormwater, etc.) enters the wastewater collection system through aging infrastructure, illegal connections, etc. requiring treatment at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP).

By controlling I&I, and eliminating illegal connections, the Town can improve operating procedures, potentially reducing operating, maintenance and capital expenses.

### Do you have an illegal connection?

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The Town of St. Marys is asking all residents / businesses to inspect their properties for illegal sanitary system connections, and take the necessary steps required to remove illegal connections.

**Items such as sump pumps, roof drains and foundation drains should NOT be connected to the sanitary sewer system.** If you are unsure about how the above items should be connected, please refer to the Town of St. Marys official website ([www.townofstmarys.com](http://www.townofstmarys.com)) for more information, or contact the undersigned at your earliest convenience.

### What are the penalties for illegal connections?

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The Town is asking for cooperation from property owners to ensure illegal connections are not present, and if so, to correct said issue voluntarily. Municipal By-Law No. 07 of 2012 includes requirements for sump pump and stormwater discharges. If your property does not meet these requirements, you could be **fined of up to \$5,000 for a first offense.**

### Resources

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“Sanitary Inflow and Infiltration – A Homeowner’s Guide” includes details about how private connections (i.e. sump pumps) should be connected. This material is available at the Municipal Operations Centre, as well as being available on the Town’s official website at [TownofStMarys.com](http://TownofStMarys.com).

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