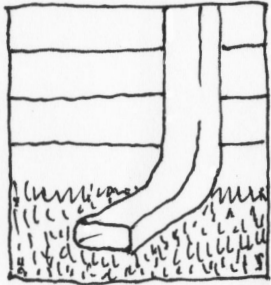
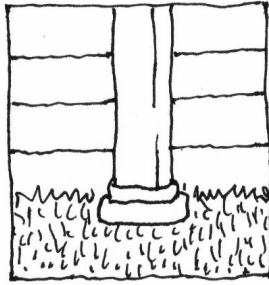


Check your downspout



It's okay.

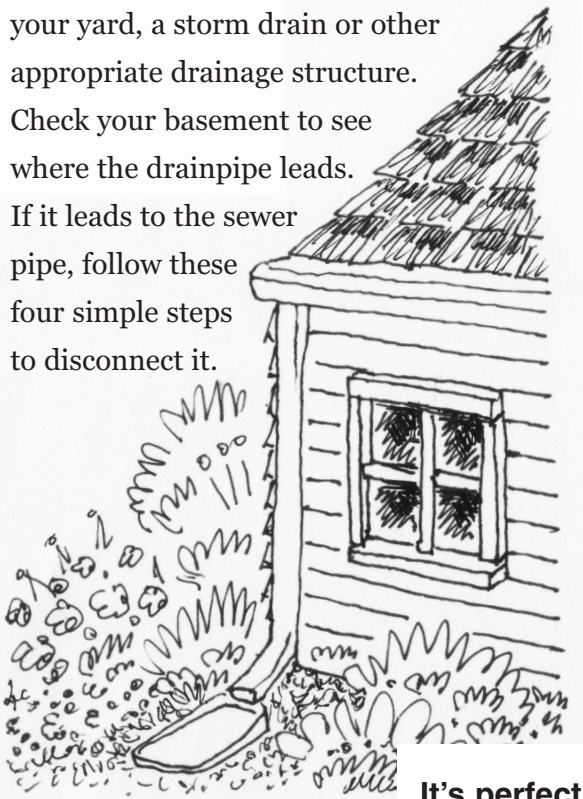


It needs checking.

If your downspouts disappear into the ground, they may be connected to the sanitary sewer system. The water from your downspout should discharge into your yard, a storm drain or other appropriate drainage structure.

Check your basement to see where the drainpipe leads.

If it leads to the sewer pipe, follow these four simple steps to disconnect it.



It's perfect!

DID YOU KNOW?

Making sure your downspouts or sump pump don't add rainwater to our sewer system is just one action homeowners and businesses can take to preserve precious water resources.

Illegal connections cause sewage overflows into local streams and the Hudson River during storms, increasing the cost of sewage treatment at the Orangetown Sewer Treatment Plant.

Sanitary sewers and stormwater drains are separate systems. Sewers run to the treatment plant while storm drains go to the nearest stream or wetland.

Please help preserve precious water resources by preventing rainwater "inflow" into sanitary sewers, and preventing pollutants such as gasoline, lawn chemicals and trash, from entering storm drains.

HOMEOWNER

Is your downspout legal?

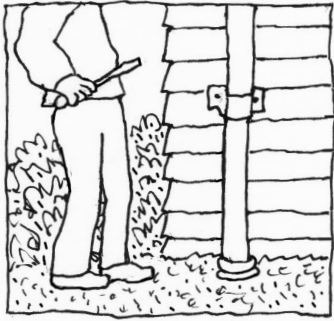


Not if it flows into the municipal sewer.

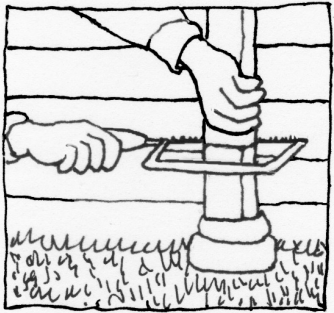
Not sure?

It's easy to find out, and easy to fix.

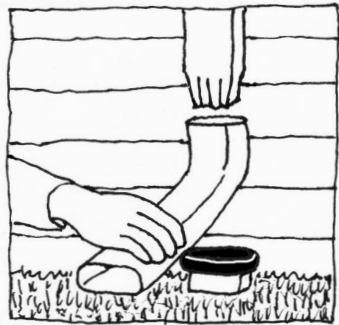
Fix your downspout



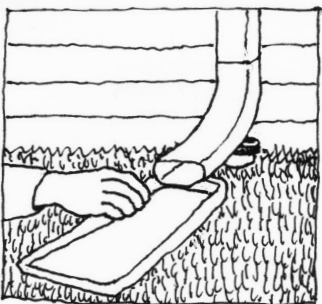
1 First, secure the downspout to the wall with a clamp screwed or nailed snugly to the siding.



2 Cut the standpipe at about 9" to 10" from the ground, remove the cut piece and crimp the top piece.



3 Fit the elbow pipe into the crimped pipe and cap the standpipe with a rubber cap or heavy rock.



4 Place a splashblock under the elbow pipe to direct the flow of rain water away from the foundation.

Fix your sump pump

Make sure your sump pump is properly installed. When downspouts and sump pumps are connected to the city sewer system, their flow is taking up space needed to carry sewage to our treatment plant. These incorrect and illegal connections can cause sewage to back up into your basement or overflow into our rivers and streams.

If your sump pump is connected to any other pipe in your home, it's most likely connected illegally to the sewer system. The pipe from your basement sump pump should discharge directly onto your property. A professional plumber may be required to fix the connection.



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You can help

Illegal connections flood sewer lines with rainwater, causing:

- Sewage overflows
- Water pollution
- Higher taxes

... empties into public sanitary sewer, which leads to the municipal treatment plant

