

## Seasonal Variance

A seasonal variance is required for any homeowner that wishes to discharge their sump pump water into the city's sanitary sewer system during winter months.

The variance is only valid from November 1st to March 31st of every year. Re-application is required yearly and must be accompanied by the \$50 annual fee.

The sump pump water must be diverted outside during the remainder of the year.

Feel free to call or email any questions to the West Fargo Public Works Department.

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## Sump Pump Program

**A guide for homeowners on the principles and issues affecting the Sump Pump Program in the City of West Fargo**



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## Sump Pump Program

Sump Pumps are vital in helping protect our homes from heavy rain and localized flooding. The City of West Fargo has several regulations that homeowners should be aware of. This brochure includes information about the City's program, please take the time to read through it.



### Diverting Sump Pump Water

The City of West Fargo requires ALL residents to divert their sump pump water outside. Once outside it is very important that the water drains away from the house to prevent any recirculation.

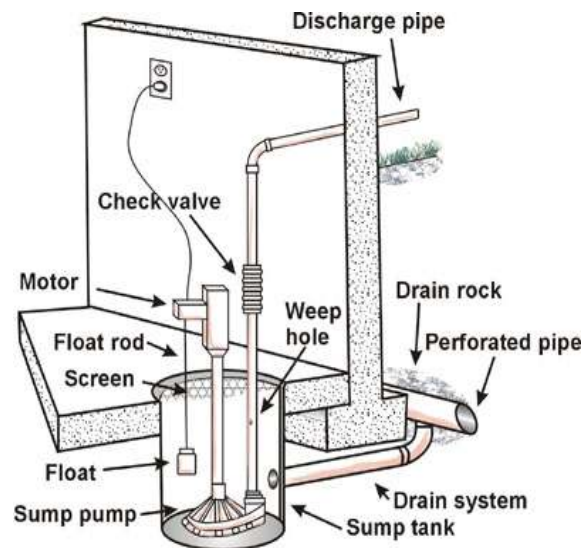
The two most common mistakes made with sump pumps is the drainage hose crossing the sidewalk and allowing water to pool on sidewalks. They both are safety hazards and considered illegal by the City of West Fargo.

### Park Property

Ordinance 15-0318 states that no owner, occupant, or user of property abutting Park District property may allow sump pump water to directly or indirectly be deposited on park property.

### Drainage

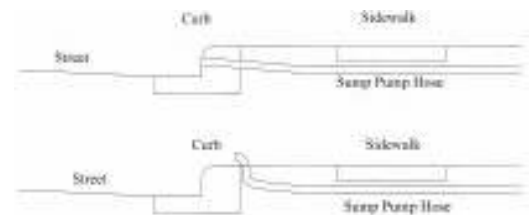
Please be respectful of where your sump pump water drains. Talk to your neighbors and ensure that your sump pump water isn't causing problems for them. Most problems can be resolved simply by moving hoses or diverting water to a different area.



## Homeowners

### Trenching Sump Pump Hoses

Trenching your sump pump hose into the ground is also a popular way to hide the hose. The City of West Fargo does allow hoses to be trenched under the sidewalk and to the curb. Below are several options when approaching the curb. It's important that any damage done to the curb or sidewalk during trenching is fixed immediately.



NOTE: Contact the West Fargo Public Works Department for an Excavation Permit for the job. No fee is required for the permit, however, if any damage is done to the sidewalk or curb, the repair must meet city specifications and be inspected by Public Works.

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