

November 22, 2016

Important Notice regarding Sanitary Sewer Dye Testing and property sales

Notice to all Township of Pine Property Owners Within the Marshall Township Municipal Sanitary Authority service areas.

Effective November 21, 2016 the Township of Pine has adopted regulations to minimize the amount of storm water entering sanitary sewers within the Township of Pine served by the Marshall Township Municipal Sanitary Authority's (MTMSA) service area. Beginning November 21, 2016, it is **mandatory** for all structures in the Township of Pine served by MTMSA that are connected to the MTMSA Sanitary Sewer system to have a dye test completed prior to the sale of property. Dye tests are used to determine if downspouts, sump pumps, and French/yard drains are illegally connected to the public sewage system.

Storm water originating from these illegal connections is typically referred to as Inflow & Infiltration (I & I). I & I is mainly clear water that is meant to be treated at wastewater treatment facilities. I & I is a constant challenge for all wastewater system operators and property owners connected to public sanitary sewer systems ultimately pay for the treatment of storm water I & I through higher fees.

It is the property owner's responsibility to make application for a Dye Test at **least 14 days prior to the date of sale**. Structures that are found to have an illegal connection must rectify the problem prior to the issuance of an approved dye test certification. Property owners will be given an approved dye test certification upon successful completion of the testing procedures and a copy of this certification must be forwarded to the Township of Pine prior to the issuance of a Municipal Lien Letter.

Township of Pine Properties serviced by the Marshall Township Municipal Sanitary Authority (MTMSA) are affected by these new regulations and all questions regarding Point of Sale Dye Test scheduling and fees should be forwarded to MTMSA. No test is needed if the subject property has been sold, transferred, or assigned within the last 18 months. Properties undergoing refinancing are also not subject to a dye test.

Steps to follow:

- Determine that your property is located within the MTMSA service area – your sanitary service bill is the best way to determine if MTMSA provides sanitary sewer service for your property.
- Obtain an Application Form from the Marshall Township web site (www.twp.marshall.pa.us) or at the Marshall Township Municipal Building, 525 Pleasant Hill Road, Wexford, PA 15090.
- Complete all fields of the Point of Sale Dye Test Application. Mail or deliver the completed application and required fee to the Marshall Township Municipal Sanitary Authority, 525 Pleasant Hill Road, Suite 200, Wexford, PA 15090.
- The property owner or designated contact person will be contacted to schedule the date and time for testing or, if applying in person, a date and time will be scheduled then.
- The test will take approximately 1 to 2 hours. You may stay to obtain the results, or if you cannot stay the whole time, you can contact 412-364-2119 to obtain the results.