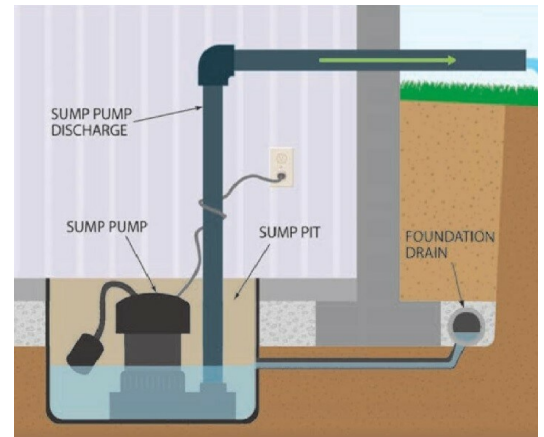# Sump Pumps
Make the Right Connection

Sump pumps cannot be connected into the sanitary sewer system – these types of connections are in violation of the Township of Ramara's Sewer Use Bylaw.

To find out if your house has an illegal connection, look around your house to see where your sump pump or downspout is discharging to. If the pipes lead underground, there is a good chance that you have an illegal connection.

Please **make the right connection** to protect your home and the municipal sanitary sewer system.

SUMP PUMP DISCHARGE

SUMP PUMP   SUMP PIT   FOUNDATION DRAIN

Dos

✓ Do have your downspouts extended away from your house

✓ Do have your sump pump discharge outside away from your foundation

✓ Do protect your discharge hose from freezing in the winter

✓ Do consider a back-up battery on your sump pump in the case of a power failure

Don'ts

🚫 Don't have your downspouts connected to your foundation drain

🚫 Don't discharge your sump pump to a neighbouring property

🚫 Don't discharge your sump pump directly into or within 5 metres of a municipal road ditch

🚫 Don't have your sump pump discharge to the floor drain or laundry tub (these are connected to the sanitary sewer)

The Township's Wastewater systems are being overloaded, and it's costing YOU money!

Illegal Connections - What do they cause?

▸ Overwhelm the sanitary sewer infrastructure and can result in basement flooding.
▸ Lead to substantial amounts of clean water entering the sanitary sewer; costing rate payers a lot of extra money to treat already clean water.

Illegal Connections - How can it be fixed?

▸ The Township will be conducting a Sump Pump Inspection Program this year in accordance with the Sewer Use Bylaw.
▸ If you suspect that you have an illegal connection, contact your local plumber to have it disconnected properly and re-directed onto your lawn or other areas. This will allow for rainwater to naturally soak into the ground.

ILLEGAL CONNECTIONS CAN RESULT IN A $500 FINE.