

# Storm Water & Our City

City of Evansdale Special Storm Water Insert – Spring 2019



Dear valued resident,

The City of Evansdale, as required by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and Chapter 100 of the Evansdale Code of Ordinances will be conducting home inspections to determine if there are improper or illegal connections to the sanitary sewer system. The city has been divided into nine sections for the purpose of these inspections. Letters will be sent to the residents in each section as the inspection process is started in that area. The letter will explain the inspection process and other details.

Some examples of illegal connections to the sanitary sewer system are floor drains, sump pumps, roof drains, and exterior yard, walkway and driveway drains connected to the sewer system, which are discharging clear water (such as rainwater and groundwater) into the sewer system. A floor drain or sump pump, which is not connected to the sanitary sewer system and is discharging to the homeowner's property, is not an illegal connection. Floor drains that are part of a basement shower or washing machine outlet shall be legal provided that they are constructed and maintained in a fashion that prevents the inflow of ground water or extraneous storm water into these fixtures.

These regulations were enacted to control or prevent inflow and infiltration that allows or has the potential to allow non-sewage flows into the collection system. When the sewer system has flow beyond its designed capacities of 100 gallons per resident per day, this can cause backups into basements of you or your neighbors' homes. The excess flow can also cause the Waste Water Treatment Plant to operate beyond its designed capacity, which could mean higher sewer rates for everyone in the city to address the issue.

Failure on the part of the city to comply with State and Federal law could cost the city tens of thousands of dollars in fines and penalties. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact City Hall at 319-232-6683.

Doug Faas, Mayor



## Yardwaste & Grass Clippings

Please do not place yard waste (leaves, small twigs, grass clippings, etc.) in your garbage cans. The land fill does not consider these items regular garbage and they can require higher fees from Black Hawk Waste for disposal. If Black Hawk Waste is forced to pay higher tipping fees, they will most likely pass those extra costs on to the city and the city may be required to pass those higher fees on to the residents. None of us want that!

What to do with your yard waste? The city has a free to Evansdale residents yard waste disposal area located near the sanitary sewer plant in Deerwood Park that is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Additionally, you can compost most of these materials in your own yard for great soil or we do allow open burning under certain conditions.

Now that mowing season will soon be here, I am asking all residents to please not blow your clippings into the street. These clippings eventually end up in our storm water system which can lead to clogged lines. Even if they don't clog the lines the clippings eventually end up in our waterways, especially Meyers Lake. The clippings and nutrients associated with the clippings can lead to algae blooms in the lake which has a severe negative impact on the water quality of the lake. As a reminder, blowing clippings in to the street is a violation of our city code of ordinances; so if you want to avoid a visit from our code enforcement officer please keep your clippings on your lawn.

Thank you for your cooperation and have a safe and happy summer.

Doug Faas, Mayor

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