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RAIN-DERIVED INFILTRATION AND INFLOW REDUCTION & SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW ELIMINATION PROGRAM

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Many homes have improper or damaged drainage connections that allow rainwater into the sanitary sewer system instead of directing it to the storm sewer system.

Such connections can include roof drains and downspouts, sump pumps, foundation drains, and area drain in basements, lawns, and driveways. In addition, many homeowners’ private lateral sanitary sewer service connections may be damaged, allowing groundwater to leak into the sanitary sewer system.

Rainwater in the municipal sanitary sewer system adds unnecessarily to the cost we all pay for sewage collection and treatment, and in heavy rain can cause untreated sewage to back up in sewer pipes and flood basements. It can also enter waterways and affect the public water supply.

This brochure explains your responsibilities as a homeowner and how the Bergen County Utilities Authority can help you make sure your property is properly drained.

Homeowners can help reduce excessive water from entering the sanitary sewer system.

- **SUMP PUMPS:** If you have a sump pump in your basement that is connected to the sanitary sewer system, it should be redirected to the storm sewer system, the ground on your property, or to a dry well.

- **ROOF DRAINS:** If your roof drains are connected to the sanitary sewer system, the drains should be redirected on the ground or to a dry well. One simple and practical solution for the homeowner is to utilize rain barrels to collect roof drain stormwater for use on lawns and gardens. The BCUA is offering two types for sale at a significant discount.

- **AREA DRAINS:** Area drains located in basements, driveways, or lawns that drain to the sanitary sewer system should be redirected to the storm sewer system or a dry well.

- **FOUNDATION DRAINS:** Foundation drains that are connected to the sanitary sewer system should be redirected to the storm sewer system or a dry well.

- **SERVICE CONNECTIONS:** Broken or damaged private building service connections (PBSCs) - also called house laterals - including missing or broken cleanout caps, also contribute to rain-derived groundwater and stormwater entering the sanitary sewer system. These types of defects should be repaired.