

How to prepare for inspection:

- Locate all exterior drains, discharging locations, sewer and drain lines, clear any obstructions or debris around these locations to allow easy access by DTMA personnel.
- Clear away any basement obstructions (e.g. boxes, furniture, shelving) that may obscure or obstruct visual inspection to piping and fixtures.

Exemptions for inspections:

- For properties being sold or transferred, no inspection is required if the property was inspected within two (2) years of the current sale date unless there is a concern or suspicion of a problem.
- For properties being refinanced, no inspection is required if the property was inspected within the past five (5) years of the date of request unless there is a concern or suspicion of a problem.

Alterations or known illegal connections shall negate any right to an exemption.

Any violations of these regulations is hereby declared to be a summary offense in accordance with §5607(d)(17) of the Municipality Authorities Act and shall be punishable for a fine of up to three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for each offense. Each and every day that a violation of the regulation exists shall be a separate and distinct offense.

For additional information, questions or to schedule an inspection,

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**PROPERTY CONNECTION,
CCTV AND DYE TEST
INSPECTIONS**

June 1, 2015

On June 1, 2015 Derry Township Municipal Authority (DTMA) instituted a mandatory property inspection resolution for all properties connected to the DTMA public sanitary sewers. This requires that all sanitary sewer connections to the DTMA system, regardless of location must undergo inspections at the time of sale, transfer, refinance, repair or replacement of existing lateral connections. These inspections may include the condition of the exterior sewer lateral, air testing of any under floor or slab (non-visible) lines, dye testing to determine all required fixtures are connected and to eliminate any illegal connections, i.e. sump pumps, down spouts, exterior drains and perimeter drains.

Costs:

Municipal Lien Letter \$ 25.00

Initial Inspection \$ 150.00

Second or subsequent inspection of repairs/corrections \$ 50.00

It is extremely important to schedule these inspections as soon as you decide to sell or undertake any of the conditions listed above. Paid requests for the inspections must be received in the Authority office at a minimum of 14 days prior to the scheduled closing date. Any failures could result in the delay or cancellation of the property closing until which time the repairs and/or corrections can be made.

Certification of inspection results will be provided, corrections and/or repairs that are required, account balances and the existence of any liens against the property. Your closing company or attorney will typically obtain this document and present findings and retain funds for any unpaid balances.

Types of Inspection—to be completed by or in the presence of DTMA personnel and the property owner or representative:

- Locate and mark the vent and clean-out/inspection stacks
- Dye test of downspouts, perimeter drains and exterior drains
- Confirmation that all required plumbing fixtures are connected to the sanitary sewer system.
- CCTV of sewer service lateral
- CCTV of interior under slab and/or foundation, decks or exterior slabs.
- For specific businesses-condition of or requirement for a grease trap
- **For any piping located under the floor slab or foundation and cannot be visually inspected by the CCTV and/or the integrity or type is questionable (e.g. terra cotta), then the property owner/representative will be required to hire a plumber to conduct an air test or water column test of the lines in accordance with the DTMA rules and regulations.**

Items that will be required to be repaired prior to closing:

- Damages to the main lateral line and house connection
- Extreme Infiltration of ground water from damaged or broken under slab and/or foundation lines.
- Illegal connections such as downspouts, perimeter drains, exterior drains and sump pumps. Permanent removal and alternative discharge must be installed so as not to allow reconnection of the illegal connection once inspection is complete.
- Missing or damaged components such as missing stacks, traps, caps/ plugs and roof vent caps must be repaired or replaced.
- Vents located in vulnerable areas (e.g. driveways) shall be recommended to have rigid structure for protection and may be flush with the finish grade.