# Sump Pump SUCCESS

WHEN HEAVY RAINS ARRIVE, SUMP PUMPS CAN MEAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A DRY BASEMENT AND SERIOUS PROPERTY DAMAGE

# **NEVER DOWN THE DRAIN!**



#### NO NOT DRAIN SIIMP PIIMP WATER INTO A FLOOR DRAI

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#### **ALWAYS DISCHARGE WATER OUTDOORS**

Water directed outside runs into storm water drains which flow into Marne Creek or the Missouri River. The storm water system is specifically designed to handle the extra water and saves houses and important infrastructure from damage.



#### TO NOT DRAIN SUMP PUMP WATER INTO A SINK

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# **DISCHARGING STORM WATER**

- Use downspout extensions to send rainwater away from your foundation
- Slope your yard, driveway, and sidewalks so rainwater does not flow toward your home
- Test your sump pump by adding water to the sump pit, and consider installing a battery backup to protect your property in case of power failure
- Remove longer hoses from your sump pump when winter approaches
- If your sump pump discharge line is buried in your yard, disconnect the line when temperatures fall below freezing

### BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Make sure that your sump pump discharge does not cross or flow directly onto the sidewalk. A hose on the sidewalk or slippery conditions caused by water/ice create an obstacle for pedestrians and cyclists that may lead to an injury. Also, please do not discharge your sump pump or direct your downspouts toward your neighbor's property. You may be responsible for damage caused by this type of discharge.

## IT'S THE LAW

City of Yankton Ordinance Section 26-75 prohibits discharging storm water, surface water, groundwater, roof runoff, or subsurface drainage into any sanitary sewer. Eliminating improper connections can reduce your risk for sewage backing up and flooding your basement as well as protect important public infrastructure from damage.

