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HOW DO I FIX YARD FLOODING?

Yard flooding affects residents in many areas of the municipality. Yard flooding usually occurs during heavy rainfalls and snow melts. It is important to direct the water away from your home however not to cause problems to your neighbours.

How can I reduce Yard Flooding on my Property?

Yard flooding on your own property can occur for a number of different reasons. Poor lot grading, downspouts discharging improperly, sump pumps discharging improperly, lack of a rear yard drainage system connected to the municipal storm system. Fences, gardens, swimming pools and sheds can also interrupt drainage within your yard. Regardless of the cause, the end result is to direct the water away from you home but not cause problems for your neighbours. You must maintain your own water.

My Neighbour has Caused Flooding on my Property. What Can I Do?

Flooding between two or more neighbours is considered a "**neighbour to neighbour issue**" and it is up to the property owners involved to resolve the issue. The Town of Amherstburg is not responsible for flooding concerns between property owners. If you feel that your neighbour is flooding on to your property, it is suggested that you discuss the concern with your neighbours to come up with a solution that benefits all properties. If a solution cannot be resolved between properties, it may be possible to make changes to your own property to improve the situation. As a last resort, legal action could be taken between the neighbours involved.

How Much Will it Cost to Fix?

The cost of drainage issues in yards such as installation of a rear yard drainage system will depend on the amount of work undertaken. It is always a good idea to obtain several estimates to get the best solution and best value for your home. The Town of Amherstburg does not pay for damages caused by yard flooding or any flooding mitigation measures undertaken by the property owners.

Can My Sump Pump and Downspouts Discharge to the Road or Sidewalk?

Your sump pump discharge pipe and downspouts should discharge on to your own property, preferably on to the lawn. It should not discharge on to your neighbours property or the Town of Amherstburg, which includes the sidewalk and roadways. Damage to the sidewalk or roadway can occur when water is directed towards them. Also water on sidewalks and roads can freeze in the winter months creating a hazard for pedestrians and vehicles.