

Downspout Disconnection & Rain Barrels

Connected downspouts on your house direct rainwater into foundation drains that connect to our sewer system. During a rain event, this extra water in our sewers may cause them to back-up, resulting in basement flooding. Disconnecting downspouts from your foundation drains and directing rainwater into your lawn, garden or rain barrel reduces the amount of rainwater entering our sewer system during a storm.

Disconnected downspouts must be directed away from your home or a neighbouring property. Do not direct rainwater onto cement or asphalt surfaces because in the winter this water can freeze and result in a slip and fall hazard.

The City of Windsor provides free downspout disconnection services. Call 311 for more information and to book an appointment.

Rain barrels can be installed on a disconnected downspout. The rainwater can then be used to water gardens, conserving municipal water.

How To Disconnect Your Downspout



1 Measure 23cm from top of sewer standpipe. Measure higher if using rain barrel.



2 Cut downspout.



3 Cap sewer standpipe.



4 Insert downspout into elbow.



5 Attach downspout extension to elbow. Use splash board to prevent erosion.

For more information, please visit www.citywindsor.ca

