



## Spring/Summer Drainage Reminders

# Spring & Summer

Please keep the following items in mind this spring and summer to help reduce the chances of localized flooding issues:

- ❖ Many properties include drainage swales or ditches within their boundaries. It is illegal to grade, excavate or fill in any property in the Village of Lombard without a fill and grade permit to ensure that projects do not cause problems for you or your neighbors. Always check with the Community Development Department before you build on, alter, re-grade, or place fill on your property.
- ❖ Even small projects, such as a raised flowerbed or a shed, can block drainage paths and cause immediate localized flooding problems.

Drainage Questions?

On private property, please contact Community Development at 630-620-5750.

On public property, please contact Public Works at 630-620-5740.



## Spring/Summer Drainage Reminders (cont'd.)

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- ❖ Report construction or filling without a Village permit posted to the Community Development Department at 630-620-5750.
- ❖ Keep landscape debris and other items from blocking the lids of the drainage structures on your property and in the street fronting your property. Drainage structures are designed to collect the runoff and storm sewers transport the stormwater away from the area. If the drainage structure lids are blocked, they can't function properly.
- ❖ Roof drains/downspouts shall be directed away from adjacent properties and, if directed underground, must discharge no further than 15-feet from the structure.

Questions?

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## Spring/Summer Flooding Reminders

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Useful information to keep in mind:

- ❖ Every rainfall event is unique. Each storm has rainfall that falls over varying durations and intensities. A shorter rainfall event with more intense downpours may cause flooding faster than a longer rainfall event with less intense downpours.
- ❖ The current design standard for separated storm sewer systems is approximately a 4.5" rain event occurring over a 24-hour period. During rain events greater than this length and intensity, you should expect to see some stormwater backing up and running down the streets and other drainage ways.

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Additional useful information to keep in mind:

- ❖ Lombard still has some areas of the Village that have combined sanitary and storm sewers. These sewers, when constructed decades ago, were not sized for the current design standards. Sanitary sewer backups tend to occur in greater frequency in these areas.
  - The Village has an Overhead Sewer Grant available to assist homeowners who experience chronic sanitary sewer backups in their homes. More information is available on the Village's website or by calling the Public Works Department at 630-620-5740.

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## Fall/Winter Flooding Reminders

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- ❖ Keep leaves, snow, ice and other items from blocking the lids of the drainage structures on your property and in the street fronting your property. Drainage structures are designed to collect the runoff and storm sewers transport the stormwater away from the area. If the drainage structure lids are blocked, they can't function properly.
- ❖ When the ground is frozen, water cannot soak into the ground as easily and more water runs off the ground than during the warmer months.

Drainage Questions?

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