

Village of Sussex Corner
Policy # 2008 – 01
Flood Assistance

Background:

The Village of Sussex Corner is prone to flooding during heavy rain events causing elevated water levels in Trout Creek and Parson's Brook coupled with increased ground water. In an effort to provide assistance to those in need during and / or following a flood event, the Village has purchased a number of sump pumps with the intent being to loan them to residents who demonstrate a need. The Village also intends to provide access to a dumpster for the removal of flood waste from damaged dwellings and cover the cost of both the dumpster and the tipping fees for such use.

Policy Statements:

The Village of Sussex Corner will loan a sump pump, while quantities last, to any resident of the Village of Sussex Corner who demonstrates the need during a flood event.

Where the need is demonstrated, the Village will also provide access to a dumpster for the removal of flood waste from a building as a result of a flood event with the cost of the dumpster and related tipping fee paid by the Village.

Process / Procedure Statements:

This policy and any related assistance with respect to sump pumps and dumpsters apply to residential properties only.

For the purposes of this policy, a flood event can be defined as a state in which the water level in one or more watercourses (surface water) and / or the water table (ground water) becomes elevated to the point where residential dwellings are at risk of property damage from the penetration of water into basements.

Residents requiring the loan of a sump pump shall contact the Village to request same.

The Village shall distribute sump pumps (one per dwelling) on a "first come first served" basis and maintain a waiting list in the event all available pumps have been distributed. The Village shall not enter the dwelling to install or remove the sump pump. The sump pump shall include the appropriate hose(s) and an extension cord, if required. The recipient shall be responsible for the loss of, or damage to, the pump and accessories.

The Village shall prepare and maintain a list of local suppliers of sump pumps (rental or purchase) and shall provide that information to inquiring residents however, the Village shall not cover the cost of a rental or purchase.

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Residents requiring access to a dumpster shall contact the Village to request same. The Village (Works Supervisor) shall assess the request and provide access as deemed appropriate. Dumpsters shall be placed in an area deemed safe and convenient for the dwellings impacted by the flood event.

The dumpsters shall be used for flood event damage only and shall not include the disposal of hazardous waste, tires, paints, aerosols, etc. Damaged appliances may be placed in the dumpsters however, any units containing Freon must have the product removed and the item appropriately labeled.

The dumpster(s) shall remain in place for a maximum of two weeks beyond the end of the flood event.

No assistance shall be provided for residents who make their own arrangements for dumpsters.