

Public Act 222 Notice

Any citizen having experienced an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system must file a written claim with the City of Novi within 45 days. City personnel are available to take pictures of the damaged areas if you as the resident desire their assistance. Their primary role however, is to clear the obstruction in the sewer main line and restore the sewer system to proper working order as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience during this time.

A secondary role of the Water and Sewer Department is to investigate the situation to determine the cause of the sewer problem. We send this information to the City Clerks Office and the Human Resources Department for processing. Within five business days of the event, the City Clerk will send a package to the resident that explains the specific liabilities of the sewer situation.

Liabilities for sanitary sewer backups are regulated by the State of Michigan through Public Act 222 of the Public Acts of 2001. The Act requires that those seeking compensation for personal injury or property damage must show that the sewage disposal system had a defect, and that the defect was not remedied by the government agency in a reasonable time; and that the property damage or personal injury resulted because of the defect; and that you own and have reported the value of the damaged personal property within 45 days of the event in question to the City. The sewage disposal system consists of the City sewer mainline and not the building sewer lead or internal plumbing components of the property.

Should you have any questions regarding the process of reporting or about the damages following this event, you may contact the Water & Sewer Manager, City of Novi Water and Sewer Department at 248-735-5644.