

# Private Property Inspections

The Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) Reduction Program of Halifax Water performs property inspections of homes and businesses to identify sources of stormwater entering the wastewater system.

## Before the Inspection

Prior to any private property inspection, Halifax Water will contact the property owner to have them book an appointment date and time that is convenient for them and within the required deadline.

Prior to the inspection, property owners will need to do a few minor preparations:

1. If you have a sump pump ensure it is accessible for inspection. The inspector will also need to see where the pipe leading from the sump pump discharges.
2. Consider where the wastewater connection cleanout is located and any other wastewater or stormwater connections to facilitate inspection.

## During the Inspection

Most inspections will last less than 20 minutes. During the inspection, an adult 18 years or older must be present at all times.

When Halifax Water employees arrive to do the inspection, they will be easily identified by their photo ID's.

There is both an inside and an outside component to the inspection:

**Inside**, the inspectors will:

- look at the wastewater connection cleanout and other wastewater plumbing fixtures
- look at any sump pumps and other drains and where they discharge
- ask property owners if they have had or are having water issues or flooding

**Outside**, the inspectors will inspect:

- downspouts
- window and stairwell drains
- driveway drains and yard drainage

Typical Cleanout Configurations (Generally a 10 cm (4") diameter pipe in the basement.)



## After the Inspection

If stormwater connections to the wastewater system (sources of 1&1) are found, property owners will receive a follow-up letter from Halifax Water which will indicate that these connections to the wastewater system are not permitted per the Halifax Water Regulations.

The property owner will be required to perform actions to fix the problems within a specified timeframe to bring the property into compliance. Once the repairs are done, the property owner will notify Halifax Water with the details of the work performed.

If you have questions, please contact the Halifax Water Inflow & Infiltration group at:

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