

Downspout Disconnection

\$10 - \$20

The cost for a simple disconnection and materials

In Portland, Oregon, tens of thousands of homes disconnected downspouts, removing more than a million gallons of water from the sewerage system.

Help Protect Your Watershed

During a heavy storm, each downspout on your home can deliver up to 12 gallons a minute to the sewer system, which can contribute to basement backups and sewer overflows.

By simply disconnecting a downspout, you can make a difference in keeping excess water out of the sanitary and combined sewer system.

In addition to being a low-cost way to reduce stormwater in the sewers, downspout disconnections:

- Increase public awareness of and involvement in private property impacts to the sewer systems.
- Improve aesthetics in areas receiving the water.
- Promote water being absorbed into the ground which reduces runoff volume in the sewers.

6 Easy Steps to Disconnection

1. Call your municipality to check on local regulations. (Phone #'s listed at www.mmsd.com)
2. Measure 9" from where the downspout enters the ground.
3. Cut the downspout with a hacksaw.
4. Cap the remaining sewer standpipe that is going into the ground.
5. Insert the downspout into the elbow.
6. Attach the downspout pipe extension to carry water away from the house about 10 feet, if possible.



If you would like more information, please check our web site at: www.mmsd.com or call 414-272-5100



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