

Charter Township of Redford

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Water and Sewer Department

Date: _____

Dear Resident:

The Township of Redford regrets that you have experienced a sewer disposal or storm water system event. We strongly urge you to check with your homeowner's insurance policy to see if coverage is provided.

It is the property owner's responsibility to use the reasonable precautions to preserve and protect the damaged property and take all necessary steps to reduce further damage. If you feel a health hazard exists, enclosed is written material to use as a guide in dealing with certain items.

Current Michigan Law Public Act 170 of 1964, as amended by Public Act 222 of 2001, requires that persons seeking compensation for personal injury or property damage due to a flooded basement must show that **all** of the following existed at the time of the event:

1. The Township of Redford at the time of the flooding event owned or operated, or indirectly discharged into, the portion of the sewage disposal system that allegedly caused damage or injury.
2. The Township's sewage disposal system had a construction, design, maintenance, operation or repair defect.
3. The Township knew, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have known, about the defect and failed to take reasonable steps in a reasonable amount of time to repair, correct or remedy the defect.
4. The defect must be fifty (50%) percent or more of the cause of the event and the damage or injury.

Further, please be advised that by filing a claim you must allow Township representatives reasonable access to your property to make inspections. This is required by State Law, Public Act 222 of 2001.

You are also required to comply with the written notice requirements of the Act. Any claim you make must be submitted in writing within forty-five (45) days after the date the damage or physical injury was discovered or should have been discovered. The written notice must contain your full name, address, telephone number, the address of the affected property, the date of discovery or any property damage or physical injury and a brief description of the claim. Please use the forms enclosed to report your claim.

The Township of Redford's field employees are not permitted to authorize repairs, clean-up or replacement of damaged items. All authorizations must be made by the designated officials of the Township of Redford. Representatives can be contacted at (313) 387-2670 between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday thru Friday (except holidays). Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we work through this situation.

Very truly yours,

Redford Township Water & Sewer Dept.

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SEWER DISPOSAL OR STORM WATER SYSTEM EVENT NOTICE OF CLAIM

This *Notice of Claim* form must be completed in full and filed with the governmental agency against which you wish to make a claim for property damage or physical injury resulting from a sewage disposal or storm water system event. Michigan law requires that you file this written notification within 45 days after the damage or physical injury was discovered or in the exercise of reasonable diligence you should have discovered it. If you fail to file your *Notice of Claim* timely your claim will be denied.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Ph: () _____

Work Ph: () _____ Cell Ph: () _____ Pager #: () _____

Date of Loss: _____ Date Loss Discovered: _____

Address of Damaged Property: _____
(if different from above)

Owner of Damaged Property: _____
(if different from above)

Description of Sewer Backup: (use other side if needed) _____

Description of Damage to Building &/or Personal Property: (use other side if needed) _____

Description of any Physical Injuries: (use other side if needed) _____

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RETURN THIS FORM TO: _____

Municipal Office Use Only

Date Received: _____

Action Taken: _____

Your Name: _____