



### Rain Barrels

Rain Barrels can be used to capture water from gutter down spouts. The rain water can then be used to water plantings or grass areas during drought conditions.

### Dry Wells

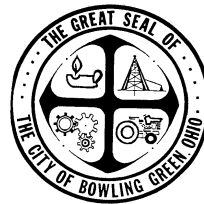
This is an under ground chamber or stone filled pit that temporarily stores water to slowly percolate into the ground. Dry wells can consist of a plastic barrel with holes in the sides and wrapped with filter fabric to prevent soil from getting into the barrel. The exterior of the barrel is then filled with stone to allow water to exit the barrel and percolate into the ground.

### Clean Water Removal Assistance Grant

The Utilities Department offers financial assistance for residents that wish to help in solving the City's Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) problem. Money is available for disconnecting clean water connections to the Combined and Sanitary Sewer. The City will pay \$200 per Equivalent Residential Unit. Please contact us for further information.

Sanitary Sewers are designed to convey wastewater (sewage) produced through the use of plumbing fixtures such as toilets, sinks, bathtubs, and showers.

Combined Sewers are designed to convey both wastewater and storm water.



**Contact us for more information at:**  
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Water Distribution / Wastewater Collection Division  
324 North Maple Street  
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## Remove Clean Water From The Sanitary And Combined Sewer Systems

During extended or heavy rainfall events, excess combined sanitary and storm water can overflow to the East Poe Road Ditch untreated.



The City of Bowling Green Utilities Department offers financial assistance for residents that wish to help in solving the City's Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) problem by removing clean water from the Sanitary and Combined Sewer Systems.

## Splash Gutter Downspouts

The easiest solution is to remove any down spouts that are connected to the sewer and splash the water to a grass area, rain garden, rain barrel, or dry well. Property owners should verify that the down spouts are splashed away from the building and foundation and the ground is sloped away from the building. Also, do not direct the downspout to a neighbors property and cause issues with their foundation or drainage.



## Sump Pump Discharge

Consider removing the sump pump discharge from the sewer system and splash the water to the grass area, rain garden or dry well. Property owners should verify that the discharge is splashed away from the building foundation and the ground is sloped away from the building. Do not direct discharge to a neighbors property and cause drainage or foundation flooding. Sump Pump discharge on to a public sidewalk or street is prohibited.



## Rain Gardens

Rain Gardens may be an option for property owners to consider when removing clean water connections or wanting to improve the water quality of our area. Rain gardens can be used in low areas that are naturally wet or where downspouts and sump pumps are directed onto the ground. The plantings in the rain garden help to transpire water and the soil allows percolation.