



TOWN OF STRATFORD
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Stratford to Inspect Sewer System

WPCA, Tighe & Bond Engineers Working to Identify Sources of Infiltration and Inflow

STRATFORD, CONN. -- The Stratford Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) is working with Tighe & Bond Engineers of Shelton, Connecticut to identify sources of infiltration and inflow (I/I) within the Stratford Sewer System. I/I consists of both groundwater entering the sewer line through open joints in the sewer pipe, as well as rainwater which can enter the sewer system through connections such as roof leaders, sump pumps, and catch basins.

The Town would like to remove any sources of excess flow to insure that the system has adequate capacity for residents, as well as to prevent any backups or overflows in the sewer system.

Part of the investigation work will involve metering flows in the sewer system in the middle of the night. Typically, flows measured in the sewer during the period of 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. consist of all groundwater, and locating lines with significant groundwater flow through metering can be a very effective method of identifying problem areas. Concurrent with the metering work, the inspection may also include some of the manholes within the sewer system to insure that they are in good condition.

The WPCA would like to inform residents that subcontractors from National Water Main Cleaning Company, Inc. will be conducting the metering work and manhole inspections in various areas of the Town's collection system during the night-time hours. Residents may see workers opening manholes at some point during the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 5:00. The work is expected to begin during the week of April 9th, and is expected to continue throughout the months of April and May. The Town and WPCA will be notified on a daily basis of the work locations each night.

Residents with questions or concerns should contact the WPCA at 203-385-4065.

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