



Sump Pump Variance Information

What is a Sump Pump Variance?

A sump pump variance allows you to discharge sump pump water into the sanitary sewer system during specific months.

When to Apply: Apply for a sump pump variance yearly *prior to* discharging clear sump pump water to the sanitary sewer during the variance period.

Variance Period: Normally from October 15th to March 15th each year. The end date may change if necessary.

Annual Application Required: Apply for a sump pump variance each year before discharging sump pump water to the sanitary sewer.

If you have any questions, please contact:
Wastewater Treatment Facility
(605) 882 - 6244
wastewater@watertownsd.us

How to Apply: Fill out the online form at www.watertownsd.us/variance or call (605) 882-6244.

Fee: The seasonal sump pump variance costs \$125 per year.

Billing: You will be billed \$125 if you request and receive the variance. It is due 30 days from billing.

No Variance, No Fee: If you don't request a variance or don't have a sump pump, you won't be billed.

Application Start Date: Applications are accepted starting October 1st, but discharging isn't approved until October 15th.

Inspection Needed: If a current inspection is not on file, an inspection will be scheduled before granting the variance. A bill of \$125 is sent after approval.

Prohibited Discharges: It's illegal to discharge sump pump water into the sanitary sewer without a variance or when the seasonal variance period is not in effect.

Legal Consequences: Discharging sump pump water to the sanitary sewer without a variance or when the seasonal variance period is not in effect can lead to a Class 2 Misdemeanor, with penalties up to 30 days in jail and a \$500 fine.

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