

## MMSD's Pipe Check Program – Funding Available to Reduce Basement Sewer Back-ups

If you've ever experienced the misfortune of having sewer water backing up into your home or basement, it might be time to consider upgrading your home's sewer lateral. A sewer lateral is the pipe that carries wastewater away from your home to the public sanitary sewer main typically located under the road. The sewer lateral is the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain. As your home's sewer lateral ages, defects can develop, such as cracks, sags in the pipe joints, and root intrusions, that allow groundwater (clearwater) to enter your lateral. This excess clearwater can overwhelm your sewer lateral during storms or periods of high groundwater, increasing your risk of a basement sewer back-up. In addition to defects in the sewer lateral, connected downspouts and foundation drains can also contribute excess clearwater to your sewer lateral.

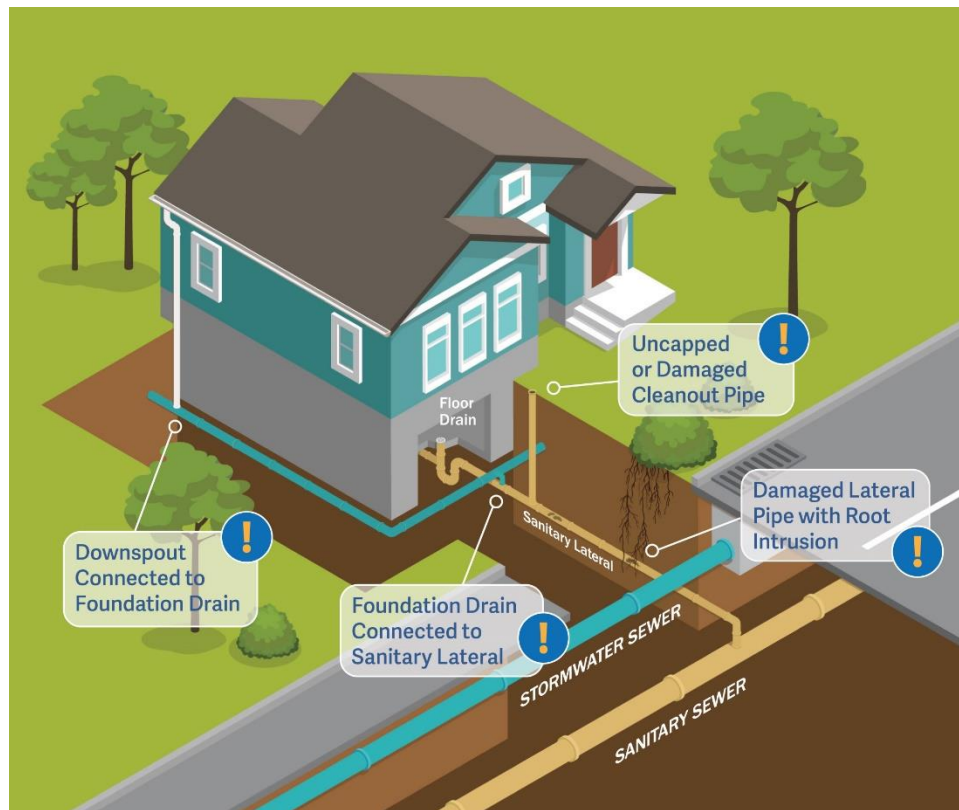


Figure 1. Sources of Clear Water on private property. .

Residents of Hales Corners can take advantage of the **Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District's (MMSD) Pipe Check Program** that provides flat-rate financial incentives to homeowners to cover a portion of the cost to complete repairs such as lateral replacements, foundation drain disconnections, and lateral lining. To participate in the Pipe Check program, homeowners must meet the following program requirements:

- Property must be located in the MMSD Service Area
- Property must be a one- or two-family home. Owner occupancy not required.
- Homeowner must use a Pipe Check Approved Contractor to complete the work
- Homeowner must submit a signed participation waiver and a W9 to MMSD

Funding availability is limited and varies by municipality. To learn more about the Pipe Check program financial incentives available and see the list of Approved Contractors, visit [www.mmsd.com/pipecheck](http://www.mmsd.com/pipecheck) or contact the Pipe Check team at 414.225.2151.