

By-laws

Obtaining a Storm Sewer Connection

If you intend to have storm drains on your property connected to the City of Mississauga's storm sewer network, the City can provide you with one granted that you qualify for the permit.

The Storm Sewer Use By-law authorizes the City of Mississauga to regulate storm sewers and drainage from land in order to control the discharge of matter to municipal and private storm sewer systems and protect water quality by prohibiting the discharge of harmful substances to municipal and private storm sewer systems, and as a result, watercourses within the City.

Some key points for applying for a storm sewer connection are listed below.

Key Points: Storm Sewer Permits

- Any resident requiring a connection to the municipal storm sewer system must apply to and receive approval from the City. Application fees are payable at 3185 Mavis Road and are reviewed annually under the City's Fees and Charges By-law.
- Four (4) hard copies of the site plan must be provided by the property owner in order to be approved. The copies are distributed in the following manner; one to the applicant, one to the Region of Peel (to the Regional Clerk?), one to the City of Mississauga Building Permit Department and one to be placed on file by the City of Mississauga.
- Site plans must be stamped by a Professional Engineer (P.Eng) or the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors (AOLS).
- Details of the site plan must include pipe diameter, length and slope, elevation at house and elevation of storm sewer. Some of these details can be obtained from City C-plans available at the Engineering Counter 3185 Mavis Road.
- For residential properties, the basement elevation must be higher than the connecting storm sewer for the connection to be approved. This elevation must be verified. If not, a sump pump is the suggested method for drainage.
- With commercial properties, methods to control stormwater that delay flow into watercourses must be in place in order for the connection to be approved. Examples of such methods include roof control, underground storage tanks and lot ponding.
- By-law 259-05 is in place to prevent pollutants like pesticides, herbicides or fungicides, fuels, oil or greases, paints and solvents, sewage, hazardous wastes and any other material that may impair the quality of the water system or the structure of the stormwater system.

- The maximum fine for failure to follow By-law 259-05 for an individual can be \$10,000 for a first offence and up to \$25,000 for any subsequent offences. For a Corporation or business, the fine can be up to \$50,000 for a first offence and \$100,000 for any subsequent offence.