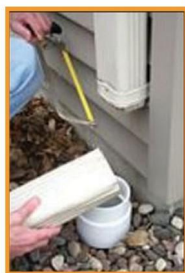


# Downspout Disconnection Program

## How Does it Work?



- 23cm is measured from where the downspout enters the sewer connection.



- The downspout is cut.

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- The sewer standpipe is capped, preventing water from going in.

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- The downspout is inserted INTO the elbow (if the elbow is put into the downspout it will leak).



- A downspout pipe extension is attached. A splash Board maybe used to prevent erosion.

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Downspouts, or roof leaders, are contributors to the pollution of Windsor's watercourses. We're letting clean water go down the drain, and it is forcing dirty water out into the Detroit River and potentially into our homes.

Along the Detroit River, combined sewer overflows (CSOs) exist where excess diluted sewage is spilled into the river once capacity is reached. If downspouts are disconnected in key areas, the frequency of CSOs could be reduced dramatically.

Here's what Windsor would accomplish by removing clean rainwater from the sewage:

- Reduced basement flooding
- Reduced sewage treatment expenditures
- Added sewer capacity
- Reduced need for costly trunk sewer projects

The City of Windsor provides a Downspout Disconnection Service to its residents free of charge. Simply book an appointment and an inspector will discuss the disconnection work that will occur at your home.

Under By-Law 26-2008, parts of the City may require mandatory disconnection. Non-compliance with a disconnection order may be subject to a fine under the By-Law.

To book an appointment to disconnect, please dial 311 or for more information on this program, please contact the Engineering Department at (519) 255-6257.