

SEWER SAFETY

The City of Fairborn Division of Water & Sewer oversees both the sanitary and storm sewer collection systems. Unfortunately, by virtue of their function, they can be potentially hazardous to someone entering them without the proper equipment and safety precautions.

Sometimes children view these as potential play areas. Advise your children to never enter a manhole, catch basin, open drainage pipe, or ditch line containing water. Some of the potential dangers include: wild animals, insects, engulfment by water, hydrogen sulfide gas or other hazardous gases caused by illegal dumping into the systems, being trapped when the pipe gets too small or clothing is snagged, and contact with infectious material.

Many of the open drain pipes throughout the city have been posted as no trespassing areas. If you see activity in these areas, contact the Police Department at 754-3000. If you observe a manhole lid that has been removed or is missing, call the Division of Water & Sewer at 754-3097 as soon as possible, so that the problem can be remedied.

Don't ever dump anything into the sanitary or storm sewer. Sticks or other objects put down a manhole can stop up the sanitary system causing raw sewage to back up into peoples' homes or into the street. Hazardous materials such as oil, antifreeze, or poisonous materials can adversely affect the waste water treatment process when put into the sanitary sewer and can end up in groundwater or bodies of water when introduced into the storm sewer system. If you observe anyone putting unauthorized material into either sewer system, contact the Division of Water & Sewer 754-3097 or Water Reclamation Center at 754-3075.