

# TOWN OF WEST SENECA



## Engineering Department

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April 5, 2022

Honorable Town Board  
Town of West Seneca

Re: Basement Inspections

Honorable Board Members,

The Engineering Department will resume basement inspections this month. Basement inspections are done to ensure that a resident's sanitary and storm water are going to the appropriate places. This is being done in accordance with the current town code and in connection with the Town's Order on Consent from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) due to excess inflow and infiltration of storm water into the Town's sewer system.

The average violation rate for first time basement inspections is 25%. If improper connections are found, the resident is asked to correct the issue within 30 to 60 days. When the corrections are made a re-inspection is scheduled and performed. By identifying sources of inflow and infiltration into the sanitary sewer system and eliminating them, we will be able to drastically decrease the number of incidents of sewer backups into residents' houses and into the creeks and streams in our community.

Very Truly Yours,

Steven R. Tanner, P.E.  
Town Engineer