



Having a Mini Cam Inspection? Here's what you need to know!

The Town of Lakeshore is pleased to offer our residents one free mini cam inspection of the storm and sanitary clean-outs to check for any deficiencies such as cracks, debris or breaks in the pipes.

Here are photos of what we inspect for the storm clean-out:



(storm pipes around perimeter of home - underground)



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When your storm clean-out is inspected, the Town requires you to disconnect the downspouts (in front your home for newer subdivisions and around the perimeter of your home for older houses) in order to gain access to the pipes shown above – this is the only way it can be inspected.

For ease of reference, please see the following on how to disconnect:

1 Start by measuring nine inches up the pipe from where the downspout enters the standpipe.

2 Hold onto the short piece so it doesn't fall into the pipe and cut the downspout with a hacksaw at the nine inch mark.

3 Remove the cut piece of downspout.

4 Place cap securely on standpipe

Cap the standpipe where it enters the ground. This prevents any debris, water or small animals from getting into the system and causing a blockage.

5 Attach the elbow OVER the downspout to prevent leaking.

Tip You may need to crimp the downspout with pliers to make it fit inside the elbow.

6 Measure, cut, and attach any needed extensions OVER the elbow to prevent leaking.

7 Drill holes and secure the elbows and extensions with sheet metal screws. (self tapping screws have a sharp end so you don't need to pre-drill a hole) One screw on each side is typically enough. (two to four screws)

8 Adding a splash pad at the end of the extension will help prevent erosion.

If you are having your sanitary clean-out inspected, you will need to locate the physical clean-out in your front yard and place a marker on that spot so that Public Works staff can proceed with their inspection in a timely manner. It's also important to know where your sewer line clean-out access port is so you can quickly remove any obstructions within the sewer pipe should any issues arise and restore flow in the sewer system.



How to locate sanitary clean-out:

LOOK AT YOUR PLOT PLANS

One of the best ways to find the location of your sewer line cleanout access port is to look at the engineered plot plan for the home. Sewer service lines will be shown on these documents, and can lead you to the cleanout point. These maps will also be essential tools to help professionals avoid the lines when digging is required.

SEARCH IN LIKELY PLACES

If you don't have plot plans or can't identify the cleanout access on the map, start looking in the places where the sewer line cleanout is most likely to be. The cleanout is usually a 4-inch-diameter pipe with a screw cap that has a square knob or indentation on the top or a cast iron square cap (both shown above). It's most likely going to be popping up from the ground outside your home at the property line. The cleanout might also be on the side of the home, closest to the bathroom.

CALL A PROFESSIONAL

When all else fails, look to a plumbing expert to locate your sewer line cleanout access. These professionals have the skills and tools necessary to quickly find your cleanout access port and remove any clogs that exist. A clogged sewer line can result in damages and unpleasant odors. Knowing where your sewer cleanout is can help you remove any obstructions and get your lines back into working order.

If you are experiencing, or suspect a problem with your sanitary or storm private drain connection (PDC) you may contact the Town for assistance identifying the cause. Locate your PDC cover typically found in your front yard at the property line, and the Town will dispatch a crew to camera inspect your connection(s). This service is provided free of charge to Lakeshore residents. Call [519-728-2488](tel:519-728-2488) to schedule an appointment if you would like this service completed. **Please note, any repair costs to pipes on your property, including any exploratory digging required to determine cause, will be paid by the home owner.**