

Press Release

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The North Huntingdon Township Municipal Authority has adopted revised Rules and Regulations which require the inspection of sanitary sewer laterals prior to the sale, transfer or refinancing of any property effective May 1, 2008. The lateral inspection is in addition to the dye test, and the combined cost will be \$155.

Defects that are identified in the inspection process must be repaired prior to sale or closing. Therefore, the Authority recommends scheduling the inspection prior to placing a property on the market, or before refinancing.

Sanitary sewer laterals are the private lines that carry sewage from a home or structure to the main line located within the Authority's easement. Ownership and maintenance of this lateral is the responsibility of the property owner.

The purpose of the inspection is to locate defects within the lateral that permit storm water to enter the sanitary sewer system, overloading the system during rain events and allowing sewage to overflow, or causing basement flooding.

The Authority will be scheduling a meeting with the area's realtors, closing companies, etc. in order to explain the new inspection program.

For more information on this program, or to obtain forms for scheduling the inspections, please call the Authority at 724-863-2860 or visit www.nhtma.org.