

Township of Summit

2121 Ferguson Road, Jackson, MI 49203, Phone 517-788-4113

Dear

The Township of Summit regrets that you have experienced a sewer or storm water system event. We strongly urge you to check with your homeowner's insurance policy to see if coverage is provided.

It is the property owner's responsibility to use reasonable precautions to preserve and protect the damaged property and take all necessary steps to reduce further damage. If you feel a health hazard exists, enclosed is written material to use as a guide in dealing with certain items.

Current Michigan Law Public Act 170 of 1964, as amended by Public Act 222 of 2001, requires that persons seeking compensation for personal injury or property damage, must show that all of the following existed at the time of the event.

- The Township of Summit at the time of the event owned or operated, or directly or indirectly discharged into, the portion of the sewage disposal system that allegedly caused damage or injury.
- The sewage disposal system of the Township of Summit had a construction, design, maintenance, operation, or repair defect.
- The Township of Summit knew, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have known, about the defect and failed to take reasonable steps in a reasonable amount of time to repair, correct or remedy the defect.
- The defect must be 50% or more of the cause of the event and the damage or injury.

You are also required to comply with the written notice requirements of the Act. Any claim you make must be submitted in writing within 45 days after the date the damage or physical injury was discovered or should have been discovered. The written notice must contain your full name, address, telephone number, the address of the affected property, the date of any property damage or physical injury, and a brief description of the claim. Please use the forms enclosed to report your claim.

Township of Summit field employees are not permitted to authorize repairs, clean-up or replacement of damage items. All authorizations must be made by the designated officials of the Township of Summit. Representatives can be contacted at 517-788-4113 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mon.- Fri.

If the Township's responsibility is established, all claims will be adjusted on an "actual cash value" basis. Actual Cash Value is defined as the cost to repair or replace the damaged items, less depreciation. The age, condition and remaining useful life of the damaged property are considered in the valuation procedure.

Please contact the Township of Summit should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Township Clerk