

# KNOW THE FACTS!

## Benefits of Connecting to the Sanitary Sewer

*Connecting to the sanitary sewer benefits not only property owners, but the community as well.*



*For more information about connecting to sanitary sewers, contact the Water Quality Division at 513-946-7966 or the Metropolitan Sewer District at 513-557-5914.*

### Benefits to you and your community:

- Cleaner waterways and local environment.
- Improved protection of drinking and surface water.
- Reduced occurrence of foul/septic odors.
- Cost savings over routine maintenance, service, repair and operating cost of an onsite Sewage Treatment System (STS).
- Elimination of dampness and/or seepage from the STS.
- Property becomes more marketable to a wider percentage of the population, which can result in an increased property value.
- Cost savings over replacing or updating the STS to meet the current standards.
- Fewer disease carrying mosquitoes.
- Reduced risks to public health.

### What else to consider?

Entire STSs or their components often wear out and can have several common problems such as:

- **High Operating Costs** – For many STSs, these can include routine pump-out charges, electrical usage costs, service/replacement costs for mechanical components and additional maintenance/permit costs.
- **Poor Wet Weather Performance** – Many older homes have their downspouts, footer tiles, and/or area drains improperly connected to the STS. Additionally absorption fields of older STSs are not typically sized for water logged ground conditions.
- **Improper Maintenance** – When improperly maintained, STSs will release excessive bacteria, viruses, solids, nutrients, grease and other contaminants into the environment, causing premature failure of absorption fields and/or pollution of surface and groundwater.
- **Odors** – From pumping out sewage tanks or poorly maintained or failing STSs.
- **Site Limitations** – Prevents home additions, construction of outbuildings or other upgrades to property since the STS would need updated or replaced.
- **High Replacement Cost** – Today's STSs must meet more stringent standards than existing systems met when they were installed. Materials, labor and equipment costs are higher, which leads to increased installation costs and operation/maintenance costs.



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