



Exemption Application

The Village of La Grange Park's Municipal Code, Chapter 50, helps to control the quality and quantity of substances discharged into the sanitary and stormwater sewer systems. Under the ordinance, a building's downspout will be required to be disconnected from the Village's combined sewer and storm sewer systems. During heavy rainfall, the sewers become overloaded, increasing the risk of basement flooding and releasing polluted rainwater into our local waterways.

All property owners are responsible for complying with the ordinance requirements. Under the ordinance, property owners may also make an application to the Director of Building for an exemption from the requirements, if the disconnection of a downspout would create a hazardous condition or is not technically feasible.

What to consider before applying for an exemption

Before applying for an exemption, property owners are encouraged to make every effort to disconnect their downspouts from the Village's sewer system. This may include relocating one or more downspouts.

How to apply

To apply for an exemption from the ordinance, property owner(s) are required to complete and submit the **Mandatory Downspout Disconnection Exemption Application**, which includes submission of a **property sketch**. A sample application and property sketches are provided for assistance.

Does submission of an application guarantee that an exemption will be issued?

No. Several factors will be considered in the review of an exemption application. They include (but are not limited to):

- Options for the relocation of one or more downspouts.
- Ability to mitigate hazards and/or correct grading.
- Compliance with other ordinances and/or statutory regulations.

What happens after you submit the application for an exemption?

1. Village of La Grange Park staff will review your application to ensure that it is complete.
2. The application should be submitted as soon as possible so if not approved you will have time to comply with the ordinance.
3. The applications must be submitted no later than 12/31/16.
4. If there is information missing you will be notified in writing and the incomplete application form will be returned to you to resubmit.
5. A completed application will be reviewed to determine which, if any, downspouts are eligible for exemption from the ordinance. Village staff may inspect your property to verify the information provided.

6. Applicants will be notified in writing of the decision to grant or deny an exemption for each connected downspout.

The Director of Building reserves the right to revoke an exemption previously issued where any information provided is misleading or inaccurate, or when property and/or building conditions change. For example, the property's landscaping is significantly modified or the roof is re-built.

For more information on the Mandatory Downspout Disconnection Program, contact Forrest Tucker at 708-354-0225, ext. 208.

Submit your completed application to:

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Mandatory Downspout Disconnection Program
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