

# City of Grayling

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## **Sanitary and Storm Sewer Backups**

Public Act N. 222 is new legislation designed to define the limits of governmental liability for damages resulting from sewer backup incidents. The law became effective on January 2, 2002. It defines specific responsibilities for the property owner or occupant and the governmental agency when damages occur due to sewage disposal system events.

The legal responsibilities of the property owner or occupant include:

1. Provide oral or written notice to the governmental agency that a sewer backup has occurred;
2. Provide written notice of a claim for damages to the governmental agency within 45 days of damages;
3. Allow the governmental agency access to inspect damaged property or investigate physical injury;
4. Provide reasonable proof of ownership for the damaged personal property; and
5. Provide reasonable proof showing the value of property damaged.

The legal responsibilities of the governmental agency include:

1. Provide the property owner or occupant the name and address of the individual within the governmental agency whom the written damage claim must be sent to;
2. Provide the property owner or occupant with the required content of the written notice of damage claim;
3. Take appropriate steps in a reasonable amount of time to repair, correct, or remedy system defects.

If you have sewer problems Monday through Friday 7:30 am - 5:00 pm (except Holidays) contact the City Office at (989) 348-2131, if after 5:00pm or all day Saturday, Sunday and Holidays contact Crawford County Central Dispatch at (989) 348-6341 and they will contact the on call DPW person for you. For routine inquiries contact the city office.