

Marshall Township has adopted regulations to minimize the amount of storm water entering public sanitary sewers systems located in the Township. Effective July 1, 2012, it is mandatory for all Marshall Township structures connected to a public sanitary sewer system to have a Dye Test completed prior to the sale of property. Dye tests are used to determine if downspouts, sump pumps, and French/yard drains are illegally connected to the public sewage system.

Storm water originating from these illegal connections is typically referred to as Inflow & Infiltration (I & I). I & I is mainly clear water that is not meant to be treated at wastewater treatment facilities. I& I is a constant challenge for all wastewater system operators. Property owners connected to public sanitary sewer systems ultimately pay for the treatment of storm water I & I through higher user fees.

It is the property owner's responsibility to make application for a Dye Test at least 14 days prior to the date of sale. Structures that are found to have an illegal connection must rectify the problem prior to the issuance of an approved dye test certification. Property owners will be given an approved dye test certification upon successful completion of the testing procedures. A copy of this certification must be forwarded to Marshall Township prior to the issuance of a Municipal Lien Letter.

Marshall Township properties serviced by the McCandless Authority and Marshall Authority are affected by these new regulations. As per Intermunicipal Agreement, the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority (MTSA) will conduct Point of Sale Dye Tests for all Marshall Township properties, regardless of Service Provider. All questions regarding Point of Sale Dye Test scheduling and fees should be forwarded to the McCandless Authority (412-366-3420). No test is needed if subject property has been sold, transferred, or assigned within the last 18 months. Properties undergoing refinancing are also not subject to a Dye Test. Please follow the proceeding steps to simplify the certification procedure:

- Determine Sanitary Sewer Service Provider (either McCandless or Marshall)
- Obtain an Application Form from the Marshall Township web site: (www.twp.marshall.pa.us) or at the Marshall Township Municipal Building: 525 Pleasant Hill Road, Wexford, PA 15090.
- Complete all fields of the application. Please mail application and required fee to appropriate Service Provider.
- The property owner or designated contact person will be contacted to schedule the date and time for the testing or, if applying in person, a date and time will be scheduled then.
- The test will take approximately 1 -2 hours. You may stay to obtain the results or if you cannot stay the whole time, you can contact McCandless the next day at 412-364-2119 to obtain results.