

Mandatory Downspout Disconnection Exemption

Before applying for an exemption, property owners must make every effort to disconnect their downspouts from the City's sewer system.

Please complete the Mandatory Downspout Disconnection Exemption Application only if your building has one or more downspouts that are currently connected to the City's sewer system and you are seeking an exemption because disconnection is not technically feasible or would create a hazardous condition.

If all your downspouts are disconnected or you will be disconnecting them in the near future, there is no need to complete this application.

Contact Information

Full legal name of registered property owner(s)*.			
First Name John		Last Name Doe	
Street No. 100	Street Name City Hall Ave.		Suite/Unit No.
City/Town Toronto		Province ON	Postal Code M6J 1A4
Telephone No. 416-555-5555	Mobile No. 416-555-5555	Email ddp@toronto.ca	

Property Address

<input type="checkbox"/> Property Address same as mailing address stated above. If not, specify below.			
Street No.	Street Name	Suite/Unit No.	Postal Code

Property Information

Dwelling Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional	Total number of external downspouts/ rainwater leaders at ground level	Total number of internal downspouts/rainwater leaders (not visible from outside of the property), if applicable: <u>0</u>
	- disconnected from city sewer system: <u>3</u>	
	- connected to city sewer system: <u>2</u>	

Please indicate if one of the following situations apply to your building or property:

- ☐ The building only has an internal roof drainage system
- ☐ The building has a Registered Heritage Designation
- ☒ The property is within or adjacent to the area protected by the Ravines and Natural Feature Protection by-law
- ☐ The property was assessed under the City of Toronto's Voluntary Downspout Disconnection Program. The recommendations made by City Staff were followed, or your property was deemed non feasible for disconnection, and conditions on the property have not changed. Please read and sign the Declaration section ONLY (page 5).

Supporting Documentation

Please submit the following:

- ☒ A completed and signed **Mandatory Downspout Disconnection Exemption Application** form
- ☒ A completed **Questionnaire** (pages 2 and 3)
- ☒ A **Property Sketch** (page 4). A sample sketch is provided to assist you.

Please use the downspout number (i.e. Downspout #1, Downspout #2, etc.) from your completed Questionnaire and label the downspouts on your Property Sketch and any supporting information to match.

You are also encouraged to supply any additional information that would assist us in the review of your application, such as photographs. Please ensure that your photographs clearly show the downspout and surrounding areas.

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Questionnaire

Please complete the information for each downspout on your property. Ensure the same downspout number(s) below are assigned and match those shown on the Property Sketch (page 4) and any other supporting documentation.

	Downspout # <u>1</u>	Downspout # <u>2</u>	Downspout # <u>3</u>	Downspout # _____
1	Is this downspout currently connected to the City sewer system?			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	If No selected for the downspout, there is no need to complete the remaining questions for that particular downspout. Please move onto the next downspout.			
2	Are you applying for an exemption on the basis that the disconnection:			
	<input type="checkbox"/> will create a hazardous condition <input type="checkbox"/> is technically not feasible <input type="checkbox"/> both of the above	<input type="checkbox"/> will create a hazardous condition <input type="checkbox"/> is technically not feasible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> both of the above	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> will create a hazardous condition <input type="checkbox"/> is technically not feasible <input type="checkbox"/> both of the above	<input type="checkbox"/> will create a hazardous condition <input type="checkbox"/> is technically not feasible <input type="checkbox"/> both of the above
	Please explain in detail (use extra pages, if necessary).			
		Water would go into the ravine and cannot be moved to the front of the house (area not ravine). There is no eavestrough along side of house due to roof shape.	The patio is a "sunken patio" design and the water would be contained. There is no place for water to safely discharge to.	
3	What surface and landscaping features are within 2 metres of the downspout? Please label features on the Property Sketch (page 4).			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Grass <input type="checkbox"/> Garden <input type="checkbox"/> Patio <input type="checkbox"/> Walkway <input type="checkbox"/> Parking Pad <input type="checkbox"/> Laneway <input type="checkbox"/> City Sidewalk <input type="checkbox"/> Swale or Depression <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grass <input type="checkbox"/> Garden <input type="checkbox"/> Patio <input type="checkbox"/> Walkway <input type="checkbox"/> Parking Pad <input type="checkbox"/> Laneway <input type="checkbox"/> City Sidewalk <input type="checkbox"/> Swale or Depression <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: Ravine	<input type="checkbox"/> Grass <input type="checkbox"/> Garden <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patio <input type="checkbox"/> Walkway <input type="checkbox"/> Parking Pad <input type="checkbox"/> Laneway <input type="checkbox"/> City Sidewalk <input type="checkbox"/> Swale or Depression <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:	<input type="checkbox"/> Grass <input type="checkbox"/> Garden <input type="checkbox"/> Patio <input type="checkbox"/> Walkway <input type="checkbox"/> Parking Pad <input type="checkbox"/> Laneway <input type="checkbox"/> City Sidewalk <input type="checkbox"/> Swale or Depression <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:

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Questionnaire (Continued)

	Downspout # <u>1</u>	Downspout # <u>2</u>	Downspout # <u>3</u>	Downspout # _____
4	What is the approximate distance from this downspout to the neighbouring property?			
	<input type="checkbox"/> metres <input type="checkbox"/> feet	<u>10</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> metres <input type="checkbox"/> feet	<u>4</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> metres <input type="checkbox"/> feet	<input type="checkbox"/> metres <input type="checkbox"/> feet
5	Can the downspout be moved and/or relocated, altered or extended to allow water to be discharged to an area that would not create a hazardous condition.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<p>If No selected, please explain in detail (use extra pages, if necessary).</p> <div> <div>Downspout can be moved to the left hand corner but will still discharge to the ravine due to slope at back of house.</div> <div>Could be moved to front of house.</div> </div>			
6	Is there any corrective or preventative measure that can be taken to avoid or mitigate the hazard?			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<p>If No selected, please explain in detail (use extra pages, if necessary).</p> <div> <div>The left side of the backyard is designated as a Ravine area.</div> </div>			
7	Optional Comments (use extra pages, if necessary):			
	<p>Consulted with contractor XYZ Roofing Phone # 416-555-5555 Downspout in backyard (downspout #2) cannot be moved to front of the house because of the roof design.</p>			

If additional downspouts are identified, please reprint the Questionnaire (page 2 and 3)

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Property Sketch

Please include the following on your Property Sketch:

- Any main features such as grass, driveway, walkways, deck, pool, trees or gardens, etc.
- All downspouts at ground level (Please label according to the downspout number used on the Questionnaire, i.e. Downspout #1, Downspout #2, etc.).
- Check off the appropriate property boundary features (☐ Other: can include laneway, ravine, park, etc.).

Property Boundary:

NOT required to sketch to scale

☐ Curb ☐ Property Line ☐ Sidewalk ☒ Other: Ravine

Property Boundary: ☐ Curb ☐ Property Line ☐ Sidewalk ☒ Other: Neighbouring building

Property Boundary: ☐ Curb ☐ Property Line ☐ Sidewalk ☒ Other: Neighbouring building

Front of Property

Street Name: City Hall Ave.

Property Boundary:

☐ Curb ☒ Property Line ☐ Sidewalk ☐ Other: _____

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Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for consideration for an exemption under subsection 681-11 (6) of Chapter 681, sewers, of the City of Toronto Municipal Code ("Chapter 681"); the Applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. The Applicant(s) must be the legally registered owner(s) of the subject property;
2. The Applicant must provide all of the documentation required in this application; and
3. Disconnection of the downspouts on the subject property from a City combined or storm sewer (as applicable) must, in the determination of the General Manager of Toronto Water (the "General Manager"), create a hazardous condition or not be technically feasible.

Terms

1. Where the documentation submitted by an Applicant is insufficient for the General Manager to make a determination as to the eligibility for an exemption, the General Manager reserves the right to require, but is not obligated to do so, such further and other documentation as the General Manager considers necessary to make such determination.
2. **Provision of Access to the City**
The Applicant shall provide the City with such reasonable access to the General Manager and his representatives to the subject property, as the General Manager may deem necessary, to verify the information contained in the Applicant's application and to determine eligibility for an exemption, if the General Manager so requests.
3. Neither the completion and submission to the City of this application by the Applicant nor the review by the City of this application shall constitute the granting of an exemption under subsection 681-11S(6) of Chapter 681. The granting of an exemption shall be in the General Manager's determination and, where granted, the exemption shall be issued in writing by the City to the owner(s) of the subject property indicated on this application.
4. The General Manager reserves the right to revoke an exemption previously issued where any information provided in this application or in support of this application by the property owner(s) or any person on his or her behalf is false, misleading or inaccurate in whole or part.
5. The General Manager reserves the right to revise the application form or the exemption process from time to time. The City reserves the right to amend, modify or revoke the exemption provided under subsection 11S(6) of Chapter 681 as it deems appropriate.

Declaration

In order for your application to be reviewed, all information must be completed. In addition, City staff may inspect your property to verify the provided information; by submission of this application you grant permission to City staff to enter onto your property for inspection/verification purposes.

I am the registered owner of the subject property and certify that the information contained in this application, and all other attached/enclosed documentation is accurate and true in all respects*.

Signature 

John Doe
Print Name (Full Legal)

2011-08-01
Date (yyyy-mm-dd)

*In the case of ownership by a corporation, a person with the authority to bind the owner may submit this application.

**Please forward the completed application by mail: City of Toronto
Mandatory Downspout Disconnection Program
PO Box 15266
STN BRM B
Toronto, ON M7Y 2W1**

Toronto Water collects any personal information you have submitted on this form under authority of the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 681, s. 681-11 paragraph 6 and the City of Toronto Act, 2006, s. 136(c). The information is used to process your exemption application and for aggregate statistical reporting. Questions about this collection can be directed to the Manager of Service Programs at PO Box 15266, STN BRM B, Toronto, Ontario M7Y 2W1, or by telephone at 416-392-7000.