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DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### First Time Homebuyer Program - Dye Test Information

Beginning March 1, 2016, all properties receiving assistance through the City of Lakewood's First Time Homebuyer Program will be required to have a dye test. This is being done to ensure that the properties purchased through the Program are or will be correctly connected to the City's storm water and sewer infrastructure.

There are many reasons why this is important. A sewer pipe that is incorrectly connected to the City's storm water system contributes to a variety of problems that over time are costly repair. A heavy rainstorm may cause improperly connected pipes, designed to carry only storm water, to fill up to fast or overflow because there is sewage running through them as well. This overflow can end up in your basement causing mold issues and foundation failure. Repairs to correct are both time consuming and costly

The City's website has more information about this issue and how it is being addressed City-wide:

<http://www.onelakewood.com/cleanwaterlakewood/>

After you've applied to the Program, the Public Works Department will schedule a dye test and determine if the sewer lines are properly connected. Please communicate this information to your seller and realtor prior to purchase. Buyers may assume any repairs to the sewer connections and will be given 180 days after closing to remediate. The City is making financial assistance available to qualified buyers assuming any resulting violations.

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I hereby request that the Public Works Department conduct a dye test at the below property address and understand that violations must be completed within 180 days of closing if the buyer assumes the repair(s).

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Property owner (Print Name)

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Buyer (Print Name)

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Property owner signature

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Buyer Signature

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Property address

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