

Jocelyn Township

Drainage and Your Property

As a property owner you are responsible for monitoring this situation. Please check your property on a regular basis. Drainage issues on private property can be caused by several things. These causes may be but are not limited to the following:

- Changing weather conditions including excessive rain and spring runoff
- Lot development that is not drainage friendly
- Blocked or undersized drainage ditches and culverts on private property
- An attempt to redirect the flow of water of natural watercourses

As spring and summer approach please remember drainage and flooding problems in and around your home can be costly and damaging. While you are developing your lot or landscaping your yard please consider these factors:

- Actions may inadvertently create flooding and drainage problems
- Waters should enter and leave your property in substantially the same manner as it did prior to development
- Natural watercourses may not be altered unless a professional engineer certifies that the alterations will not increase flood levels or flood hazards within, upstream or downstream of the watercourse
- Municipal ditches are private ditches and are in place to capture water from the surface of the road only and are not required to take surface water from surroundings lands

This document is general in nature and may not fit all situations. They are not intended to replace the directions of a professional engineer.

We encourage ratepayers to check your property and ensure ditches and culverts on your property are not blocked or failing.