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**Flooding
in the
basement?
Call us first!**

If heavy rains are causing water to back up in your basement, the MDC wants to know. If you call the MDC, they will send a technician out to your home to inspect the problem and will determine if you qualify for a free backwater valve repair or replacement. For many homeowners, this could result in a savings of more than \$2,000.

A backwater valve is a plumbing device designed to automatically close and prevent sewage from entering your home in the event of public sewer flooding or obstruction. These valves offer a crucial level of protection for homes that are prone to flooding.

“In addition to fixing water problems for homeowners, these valve inspections help the MDC determine if a larger problem is hidden in our sewer systems,” explained Robert Weatherly, engineering project technician. “And, when we know about flooding issues, we are able to provide better service to all of our customers.”

Some warning signs include water or mud build up around the existing valve (located in a hole in the basement floor), missing caps, and even slow-draining tubs and toilets. Robert strongly recommends that neighbors talk to each other to see if anyone is having similar water problems – which may indicate a larger problem within the neighborhood sewer system.

To find out if you qualify for assistance from the MDC, please read the application packet available in English and Spanish at www.themdc.com.



Go Green with the MDC

Spring into action! Get rid of your household hazardous waste!

Spring starts the MDC's season of Household Hazardous Waste Collection! Don't let these chemicals damage the environment – make sure you dispose of them properly. The MDC's program begins in April and runs through the fall.

Now is a good time to sort through your old, unwanted cans of turpentine, insecticides, and other items and get them ready for a

HazWaste collection near you. For the 2008 collection schedule and informational packet, visit www.themdc.com or call the HazWaste hotline at 860-278-3809.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The MDC has some of the lowest water rates in the region. Customers pay only \$2.25 for 1,000 gallons of water!





THE MDC GOES "BACK TO SCHOOL"

Almost twenty Construction Management graduate students at Central Connecticut State University attended a presentation on management implementation of the Clean Water Project by Bob Weimar, MDC's chief of program management, and Ruth Hobbs of CDM.

"Having the MDC discuss real-life project management validates much of what we learn about in class," said Ray Perreault Jr., professor in construction management at CCSU. "It is always great to have industry practitioners share their expertise with our students."

If you would like to schedule a speaker from the MDC, contact Melissa Bengtson at 860-278-7850 ext. 3221, or e-mail mbengtson@themdc.com.

Project	Description	Construction Estimate	Estimated Bid Date
Sanitary Sewer Repair and Replacement Contract – Various Towns	100 sanitary sewer point repairs 26' or less, 8,500 LF of sewer and lateral replacements	\$3,750,000	Spring 2008
Edgewood Street, Hartford	1,400 LF of 8" water main, 2,350 LF of 8" sanitary sewer, 575 LF of storm sewer, 17 catch basins and storm laterals, and replumbing of 84 private homes	\$4,300,000	Spring 2008
Windsor Inflow & Infiltration Removal	7,300 LF of CIPP of various pipe sizes ranging from 8" to 18", approximately 150 manhole rehabilitation, including installing new watertight manhole covers	\$1,400,000	Spring 2008
Granby Street, Outfall #1	1,100 LF of 72" storm drain from Granby Street to Park River, large gate structures	\$3,000,000	Fall 2008
Farmington Avenue, Project #1A	Construction of stubs in Farmington Avenue for future stormwater connections	\$250,000	Fall 2008
Homestead Avenue, Interceptor Extension	3,400 LF of 72" diameter consolidation conduit to be constructed using microtunneling techniques	\$23,000,000	Fall 2008
Wethersfield/Rocky Hill Inflow & Infiltration Removal	10,000 LF of CIPP of various pipe sizes ranging from 8" to 18", approximately 250 manhole rehabilitation, including installing new watertight manhole covers	\$1,500,000	Spring 2008

The above chart shows upcoming Clean Water Project construction contracts

MDC meets with contractors in open forum

Working on MDC projects provides many contract opportunities for contractors and suppliers throughout the Hartford region. The MDC understands the challenges to comply with its bidding process and prequalification requirements. The MDC is evaluating these issues so they can streamline the process with the contractor community, while meeting its legal obligations.

In an effort to achieve this, the MDC launched a new program called the Contractor's Forum. The first forum was held in January to explain the District's procedures, as well as the state's prequalification requirements. The District heard ideas and concerns from the businesses that work for or may potentially work for them.

More than 100 participants attended this extremely successful forum, representing general contractors, subcontractors, material suppliers and others. Representatives from the Minority Contractors Council (MCC), the Connecticut Construction Industries Association (CCIA), Utility Contractors Association of CT, and the Associated General Contractors (AGC) co-sponsored the forum, and provided information and resources to the group.

The next MDC's Contractor Forum will be held April 2 at the MDC Training Center, located at 125 Murphy Road in Hartford. District executives say they look forward to building even stronger working relationships with their contractors – and making it easier to work with the MDC. For future forum dates, times and topics, visit www.thecleanwaterproject.com.



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WHO'S WHO ON THE CLEAN WATER PROJECT

As a 33-year veteran at the MDC, Joe Mancini, senior engineering technician, oversees contractors and answers customers' questions when the MDC is working in their neighborhoods. He also inspects work being done both underground and above to ensure that the MDC's standards are met.