## Is Your Home Sewer System Ready for Storms?



Prevent backups and protect your family's health by following the steps below.

## **BEFORE A STORM:**

- > Understand how your system works and where it discharges.
- ➤ Ensure your aerator is running and blowing air into your tank water
- ➤ Make sure there's a circuit to run your aerator should you have to go on generator power (most aerators consume only 60 watts!)
- Elevate or take appropriate measures to protect your aerator from flooding

## **AFTER A STORM:**

- ➤ Once it's safe, inspect your system for damage from flood waters or fallen trees
- > Inspect ground fault interrupter outlets and reset, if necessary, after any power outage or storm
- ➤ If experiencing extended power outages without generator backup, consider water conservation until electricity can be restored to your area
- If you have additional people staying at your home after a storm event, consider getting a pump-out following their stay

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