

## Re: Concrete Drainage Swales on Private Property

Maintenance of concrete drainage swales (photo below) is regulated under Bylaw No. 9772, The Drainage Bylaw, 2021. Concrete drainage swales are typically located within the utility easement along a rear or side property line.

- **The concrete drainage swale is located entirely on private property – it is not located on City of Saskatoon property.**
- This structure was constructed and installed by the land developer to facilitate proper lot drainage in your area.
- The concrete drainage swale is designed to accommodate surface drainage from surrounding properties and convey it toward a city street and/or into a city storm sewer catch basin.



Sections 7(a) and (b) of Bylaw No. 9772 states:

**7. An owner shall ensure concrete drainage swales located on their property are:**

- a) not impeded, obstructed, or restricted by any accessory structure, landscape feature or material, including ice and snow; and**
- b) maintained in good repair.**

Homeowners are required to:

- Comply with the above provisions under Bylaw No. 9772.
- Ensure adequate access to the concrete drainage swale to facilitate any required maintenance; Any required maintenance is to be completed at the homeowner's expense.
- Ensure their property is graded to drain to the concrete drainage swale; and
- Ensure the concrete drainage swale is not covered, obstructed, or impeded in any way including obstruction due to weeds or other debris.

Previous development does not relieve the homeowner of their responsibility to comply with the bylaw provisions regarding the concrete drainage swale.

For more information, homeowners may visit [www.saskatoon.ca/lotdrainage](http://www.saskatoon.ca/lotdrainage). They may also contact the Bylaw Compliance office at 306-657-8766 or at [bylaw.compliance@saskatoon.ca](mailto:bylaw.compliance@saskatoon.ca) if they have additional questions.

Resources:

[Typical Back Yard Concrete Drainage Swale](#)  
[Typical Side Yard Concrete Drainage Swale](#)  
[Concrete Swale Standard Specification Drawing](#)  
[The Drainage Bylaw No. 9772](#)  
[Residential Property Lot Grading Guidelines](#)