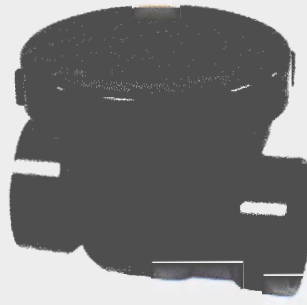


City Offers Sewage Backflow Prevention Program

Flooding and large amounts of rainwater can sometimes cause sewage from sanitary sewer lines to back up into houses through drainpipes. When water/sewage flows through a pipe in the reverse direction that the system designer intended, it's called "backflow". These backflows not only cause damage that is difficult and costly to repair, but they also create health hazards. A good way to protect against sewage backups is to install backflow valves, which are designed to block flow into the house.

A backflow preventer automatically senses a reverse flow in a pipe and completely closes the line when the condition occurs. This is a more



cost effective way to reduce potential backups.

This program was created to assist homeowners that want to take additional steps to protect their homes from basement flooding due to sewer backups. The City will reimburse the homeowner in the cost of installing a backflow valve in their sewer lateral.

Applying for the Program

Mail or Fax a letter stating you would like to install a backflow valve. Please include the dates of any backups in your home.

The City will send you an agreement to sign. You will need to return the agreement and (3) quotes from Licensed Plumbers. You will be notified by the City to proceed with the installation of the backflow valve. Once approved, the City will reimburse you for the lowest quote.

For answers to questions you may have about this program please contact the Sewer Department at 502-875-2448