What Work Is Eligible?

- Installation of a backwater valve, including:
  - Contractor labour
  - Materials required for installation
- The subsidy does not cover:
  - Interior finishes (e.g., drywall, paint, flooring, trim)
  - Exterior restoration (e.g., landscaping, sod, trees, shrubs, porches, decks, concrete, asphalt)

The installed backwater valve will remain the responsibility of the property owner, including:

- Ongoing operation
- Maintenance
- Future servicing to ensure proper function

SCAN FOR THE APPLICATION FORM

Backwater Valve Subsidy Program

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Eligibility Requirements

Who Is Eligible?

- Available town-wide to all residential properties connected to the Town's sanitary sewer system.
- It is expected to be most beneficial to those who have previously experienced sanitary basement flooding.
- An application form and a plumbing permit is required.
- A pre-inspection by Town staff is necessary to confirm eligibility.
- Once approved, the homeowner must hire a qualified contractor to complete the installation.

Eligibility Criteria

To qualify, properties must meet the following conditions:

- No contribution to inflow and infiltration into the sanitary sewer system.
- During inspection, Town staff will verify:
  - No illegal downspout connections to the sanitary sewer.
  - Sump pumps and foundation drains are not connected to the sanitary sewer.

Properties with any of the above connections **will not** be eligible for the subsidy until program requirements have been met.

What Is a Backwater Valve Subsidy Program?

- A municipal rebate or cost share program that helps homeowners install a backwater valve. A backwater valve is a plumbing device that prevents sewage from flowing backward into a home during high-flow events.
- Homeowners apply for financial assistance toward the cost of having a licensed contractor install the device in compliance with building codes.
- The Town reimburses a portion of the cost if the applicant is eligible.
- **Each applicant (household) can be eligible for up to 75% of the backwater valve installation to a maximum of $1400**

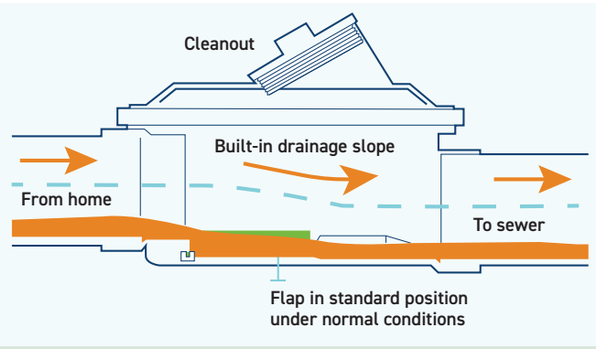
Why Are We Doing This?

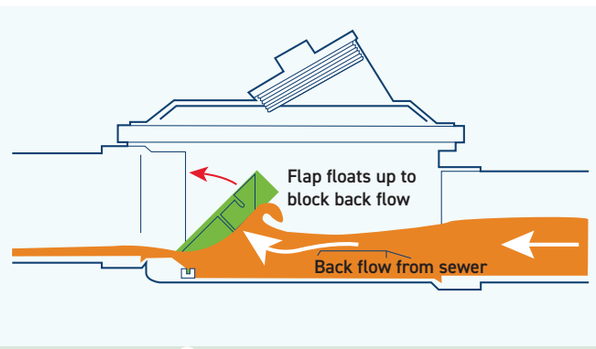
- Installing a backwater valve is a preventative measure that a homeowner can consider that may reduce sanitary basement flood risk, especially in areas that may have experienced flooding previously, or lower-lying areas more prone to the risk of flooding.

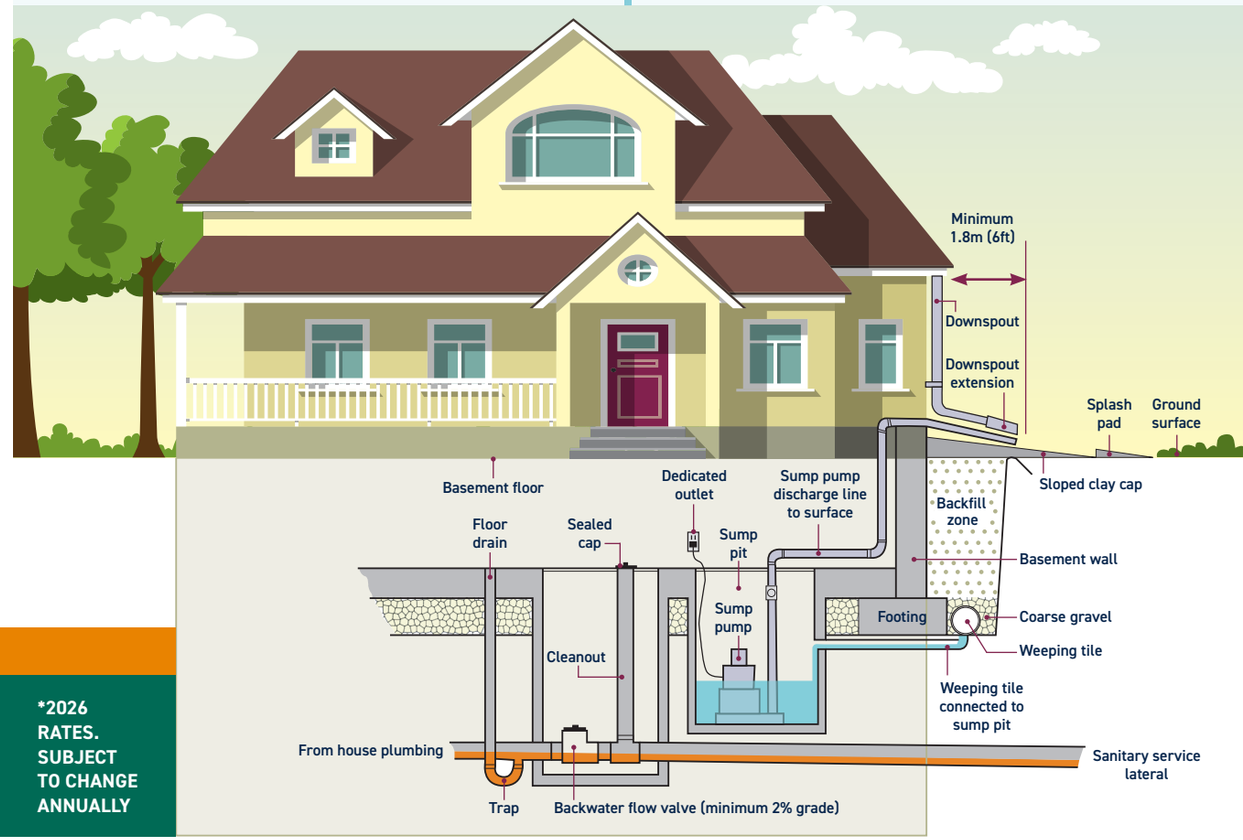
Program Details:

- Climate change is increasing the frequency and intensity of storms and one way homeowners can help protect their properties from sanitary basement flooding is by installing a backwater valve. This device is placed in a home's plumbing system and is designed to stop wastewater from the municipal sanitary sewer line from backing up into the house. The device can offer an extra layer of protection, especially for those properties who have experienced basement flooding previously, or low lying areas more prone to the risk of flooding.

Backflow Prevention







Payment Example | 75% of contactor cost • 100% of permit, to a maximum of $1,400

Description	Cost	Subsidy Rate	Subsidy	Net Cost to Homeowner
Contactor Invoice for Labour and Materials (incl. HST)*	$1,130.00	75%	$847.50	$282.50
Plumbing Permit*	$225.00	100%	$225.00	
TOTAL	**$1,355.00**		**$1,072.50**	**$282.50**

*2026 RATES. SUBJECT TO CHANGE ANNUALLY

Backwater Valve Subsidy Program