

City of Moncton
Backwater Valve Incentive Program

Requirements for Eligibility

The eligibility requirements for the Backwater Valve Incentive Program must be met prior to receiving a subsidy from the City of Moncton.

- 1) The Backwater Valve Incentive Program is available to all residents owning and occupying a single family or duplex dwelling in Moncton that meet the requirements of eligibility outlined herein.
- 2) The Backwater Valve Incentive Program is provided to residential dwellings only. Residential dwellings must be serviced by a combined sewer lateral, or separate sanitary and storm sewer laterals that are connected to the City's sewer systems. Apartments, commercial, industrial and institutional buildings are not eligible.
- 3) One (1) subsidy will be provided for residential dwellings. However, where a property is connected to a separated sewer system (separated storm and sanitary), an additional \$150 will be provided to the homeowner if the two separate service lateral leads require separate valve isolation.
- 4) Upon completion of the work, the home must be **fully isolated** from the City sewer system. For homes connecting to a separated City storm and sanitary system, both services leaving the residence must be protected with a backwater valve, i.e., typically a normally closed valve for the storm lateral and a normally open valve for the sanitary lateral.
- 5) The Applicant(s) for the subsidy must be the current Owner(s) living in the residential dwelling.
- 6) The Applicant(s) for the subsidy will not be eligible if they have outstanding taxes or debts payable to the City of Moncton, but could be eligible upon satisfactory settlement of those accounts.
- 7) The Backwater Valve Incentive Program does not apply to new construction. New construction already requires external foundation drain connections eliminating the need for a sump pit. New construction already requires a normally-open backwater valve on the sanitary sewer lateral, reducing the likelihood of a sewer backup.
- 8) The residential dwelling must be an existing home that:
 - a) does not already have an approved in-line normally-open backwater valve on the combined, or sanitary sewer lateral, or
 - b) does not already have an approved in-line normally-closed backwater valve on the storm sewer lateral, or

- c) does not already have an external foundation drain connection to the storm sewer lateral eliminating the sump pit.
- 9) Subsidies are subject to available funding and are provided on a first-come, first-served basis.
- 10) Works installed on, or after January 1, 1999 are eligible.
- 11) All works must be performed by, or under the supervision of a plumber licensed by the Province of New Brunswick. Installation by the Applicant(s) is not eligible.
- 12) Prior to the commencement of work, the Applicant(s), or the Plumber must ensure that the appropriate Plumbing Permit is obtained from the City of Moncton Building Inspection Department and that the appropriate inspections are made by the Building Inspection Department.
- 13) The subsidy of five hundred dollars (\$500) will be paid by cheque made payable to the Applicant(s).
- 14) The Applicant(s) must acknowledge that the City of Moncton assumes no liability whatsoever relating to the work undertaken. The Applicant(s) must acknowledge that the City of Moncton cannot guarantee that basement sewer backup or flooding will not occur.
- 15) The Applicant(s) is responsible for filling out the Application Form for the subsidy providing all the necessary documentation including:
 - a) An original invoice (or copy) marked 'Paid In Full' from a licensed plumber verifying installation of an approved in-line normally-open backwater valve (combined or sanitary) and/or an approved in-line normally-closed backwater valve (storm)
 - b) The Applicant(s) must sign the Application Form.
 - c) Incomplete applications will be returned and will not be processed until all information is received.
 - d) Application Forms and all supporting documents must be received by the City of Moncton Building Inspection Department before the end of 2013.

In addition, the City of Moncton highly encourages residents and property owners to:

- 1. Ensure that they are carrying a sufficient amount of sewer backup insurance to repair any related basement damage, should a basement sewer backup occur.
- 2. Install a sump pump when installing an in-line back water valve. In older style homes, the perimeter footing drain (drain tile) is most often connected to a sump pit in the home's interior. If the City sewer system or property sewer lateral was ever to backup or surcharge, the in-line backwater valve will close, preventing effluent from the City system from entering the residence. Unfortunately, this also prevents residential water or sewage (including water

entering the property from the footing drain) from leaving the home. In any sufficient quantities, this effluent can cause a flooded basement. Therefore, in conjunction with the installation of an in-line backwater valve, it is strongly recommended that a sump pump (preferably equipped with battery backup) be installed.

3. Disconnect roof gutter downspouts connected to the buildings footing drains. A typical size roof can generate a significant amount of run-off in a rain storm, which in turn can enter your house through your sump pit.
4. Insure that the ground surrounding the foundation wall slopes away from the building for a distance of at least 2 meters.
5. Review the City's publication entitled "The Homeowner's Guide to Flood Protection" for other helpful tips to reduce the risk of a sewer backup. This guide is available either at City Hall or on the City's website at www.moncton.ca under the section entitled "Residents/Emergency Preparedness/Floods."