

**NOTE:  
THE APPLICATION DEADLINE  
IS NOVEMBER 15, 2010.  
APPLICATIONS RECEIVED  
AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT  
BE CONSIDERED**



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RECEIVED**

**CITY OF ALBANY, NY  
BACKWATER VALVE INSTALLATION  
GRANT APPLICATION  
Directions**

All applications for the \$1,500 grant must complete the grant application and mail it together with required documentation to:

Backwater Valve Grant Application Program  
City of Albany Department of Water & Water Supply  
35 Erie Boulevard  
Albany, NY 12204

Make copies of any papers, photos, estimates, scope of work, etc. submitted and retain a copy for your records.

This program is available to the owner of any single family or two family dwellings, owner occupied, in the City of Albany where a backup of combined sewage due to sewer incapacity on the municipal system occurred since 2002.

After receipt of a properly completed application the dwelling must be inspected by a city official or a city appointed inspector who must certify that the dwelling is eligible based upon the history of incidents. The city official or a city appointed inspector will also verify whether roof drainage or sump pumps are connected to the lateral and will recommend additional steps which may be necessary for an effective installation of a backwater valve. Applicant should complete the form providing information about the history of incidences. Applicant may include any documentation of such incidences (i.e., insurance claims, photos, previous inspections) together with personal information.

Applicant will obtain a work order and estimate from a contractor (either a licensed plumber or a site work contractor) which will define the scope of the work, provide specifications for backwater valve together with other materials. The estimate must include all costs associated with the work. This must be submitted to the Department of Water & Water Supply (DW&WS) as an attachment to the grant application. If the work order and estimate is unacceptable to the DW&WS, the reason for denial will be indicated and the Applicant will have the opportunity to resubmit this portion of the application within 30 days of the receipt of the denial.

A written approval including a notice of the grant amount will be issued by the DW&WS. When the written notification of the grant is received, the Applicant may enter into a contract with the approved contractor. The Applicant will have a maximum of 6 months after receipt of the written approval of the grant to complete the installation as defined in the work order and estimate. Requests for additional time to complete the installation must be made in writing and must be received at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the 6 month period. In the event that a grant award expires, an applicant will be required to resubmit the grant application.

Once work is completed, Applicant must contact the DW&WS to request an inspection. An inspection will be conducted by the DW&WS and a written notice of acceptance issued. In the event that there are deficiencies, the DW&WS will indicate what deficiencies have been noted and the Applicant will be allowed to correct these deficiencies within 30 days of the inspection. When inspection has been satisfactorily completed, the DW&WS will authorize payment be issued to the Applicant. A check will be mailed to the Applicant.

Grants will be received and processed based upon the date and time of receipt.

Backwater Valve Grant Application Program  
City of Albany Department of Water & Water Supply

- 1) Property Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(No) \_\_\_\_\_ (Street)
- 2) Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Second Owner \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last Name, First Name, M.I.) (must be listed if dwelling is jointly owned)
- 3) Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Phone No. (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Best Time to Call \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Year Property Purchased \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Number of Years of Residence at this Dwelling \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) Number of Combined Sewage Backups since 2002 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7a) Proof Provided (Check Information and **ENCLOSE COPIES**) \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Claim \_\_\_\_\_ Photos \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Statement Provided at Purchase \_\_\_\_\_ Inspection Report \_\_\_\_\_ Home Inspection Report \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ None (complete Part 7b)
- 7b) No Proof Provided (Only complete this information if you provided no proof under Item 7a)
- Did you call in a complaint to City of Albany? (Check one) \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Don't recall
- Approximate date(s) when call(s) was (were) made \_\_\_\_\_
- Was your house inspected by City employee or an agent for any of these storms?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes (Complete Below) \_\_\_\_\_ (No, continue with Question No. 8)
- Date of Storm after which inspection occurred \_\_\_\_\_
- Name of Inspector (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

8) Information on Estimate and Scope of Services **(COPY MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS FORM)**

8a) Contractor's or Plumber Name \_\_\_\_\_

8b) Contractor's or Plumber Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(No.) (Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

c) Contractor's or Plumber Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

d) Contractor's Total Cost Estimate \_\_\_\_\_

e) Does Scope of Work include (Check all that apply)

- Installation inside dwelling                       Installation outside dwelling
- Repair or replacement of water service                       Repair or replacement of sewer lateral beyond valve
- Repair or replacement of sidewalk or driveway                       Lawn restoration

**Do Not Complete Information Below This Line  
for Department of Water & Water Supply Use**

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Tax Map Parcel No. \_\_\_\_\_ Owner's names verified \_\_\_\_\_ Proof of Backup Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Application Complete \_\_\_\_\_ Application Incomplete \_\_\_\_\_ Application Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Rejection of Application \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Inspection Scheduled \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Mailed Notice \_\_\_\_\_

Inspector \_\_\_\_\_ (Printed name) Initial when completed \_\_\_\_\_

Inspection Notes \_\_\_\_\_

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Reinspection Scheduled \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Mailed Notice \_\_\_\_\_

Inspector \_\_\_\_\_ (Printed name) Initial when completed \_\_\_\_\_

Reinspection Notes \_\_\_\_\_

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Grant Action: Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date Notice Mailed)

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VERIFICATION

(If joint ownership, verification is required for both owners)

**OWNER**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 ) SS.:  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

\_\_\_\_\_, deposes and says

(Name of Individual)

that (s)he has read the foregoing application and knows the contents thereof; and that the same is true and complete and accurate to the best of his(her)knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to before me this day of \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
\_\_\_\_\_20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public)  
Qualified in \_\_\_\_\_ County  
My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

**SECOND OWNER**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 ) SS.:  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

\_\_\_\_\_, deposes and says

(Name of Individual)

that (s)he has read the foregoing application and knows the contents thereof; and that the same is true and complete and accurate to the best of his(her)knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to before me this day of \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
\_\_\_\_\_20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public)  
Qualified in \_\_\_\_\_ County  
My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ACCEPTABLE BACKWATER VALVE INSTALLATION**

Re: Backwater Valve Installations under Grant Program

The City of Albany Department of Water & Water Supply has set the goal for all installations to have a functional and maintainable backwater valve installed on all applicants dwelling. Float valves in floor drains do not comply. The following applies to all installations seeking approval under the Backwater Grant Program:

For exterior installation, valve must be accessible for periodic maintenance and cleaning. Extendable PVC backwater valves are acceptable. If any other method is to be used, the valve installer must submit details for approval with their estimate. The installer should demonstrate to the applicant how to remove the extendable section, if an extendable valve is utilized. Installer should also demonstrate how to reset it and secure the valve in place.

For interior installation, the backwater valve must be placed between the house trap and the outside sewer lateral. No other openings (i.e., pit drains, floor drains, etc.) may remain open between the backwater valve and the outside sewer lateral. This may require excavating the existing house trap and moving its location further from the foundation wall. Backwater valves must be accessible and clear of any concrete or other materials which inhibits the opening of the valve for periodic maintenance and cleaning.

Both type of valves should be periodically inspected and cleaned when necessary. Valve manufacturers have information on this. A copy of this information should be provided to the applicant.

Also note that **all installers must obtain a permit from the City of Albany Department of Water & Water Supply**. You must also call during normal business hours to contact the Department's dispatch office at 434-5322 to arrange for the inspection **before** the area excavated to install the valve is backfilled.

## CONTRACTORS LIST

This is a list of contractors who have installed backwater valves inside dwellings under the current Backwater Valve Grant program, Grant Nos. 1 – 203. This list is arranged by the number of installations and alphabetically where the same number of valves has been installed. This is intended to assist applicants in choosing a contractor, and is not a recommendation by the Department. All contractors should be made aware of the “REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ACCEPTABLE BACKWATER VALVE INSTALLATION” which is available from the Department of Water & Water Supply.

**C.A. Trichilo**  
161 Heldberg Trail  
East Berne NY 12059 Phone: 518-857-2156 (C) 518-872-0835 (H)  
Total Installations = 18

**Keith Lezatte**  
56 Plank Road  
Feura Bush NY 12067 Phone: 518-378-5900 (C) 518-768-2744 (H)  
Total Installations = 14

**Burnett Excavating**  
82 Beverly Ave  
Albany NY 12209 Phone: 518-462-0480  
Total Installations = 10

**William Zurek Plumbing & Heating**  
64 Bradford Street  
Albany NY 12206 Phone: 518-451-9678  
Total Installations = 10

**Taub Heating & Plumbing**  
Paul karins Jr.  
386 Elk Street  
Albany NY 12206 Phone: 518-463-8885  
Total Installations = 7

**Farrell Bros. Inc.**  
6 Simmons Lane  
Albany NY 12204 Phone: 518-462-5454  
Total Installations = 4

**P.J. Construction/Severance Construction**  
17 Giraffin Drive  
Latham NY 12202 Phone: 518-852-0379/518-577-2578  
Total Installations = 1

## PLUMBERS LIST

This is a list of plumbers who have installed backwater valves inside dwellings under the current Backwater Valve Grant program, Grant Nos. 1 – 203. This list is arranged by the number of installations and alphabetically where the same number of valves has been installed. This is intended to assist applicants in choosing a plumber, and does not constitute a recommendation from the Department. The backwater valve may be installed by any plumber registered with the City of Albany Division of Building and Codes. All plumbers should be made aware of the “REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ACCEPTABLE BACKWATER VALVE INSTALLATION” which is available from the Department of Water & Water Supply.

**Crisafulli Brothers**  
520 Livingston Ave  
Albany NY 12206 Phone: 518-449-1782  
Total Installations = 52

**“A” Real Plumber**  
26 Tice Road  
Albany NY 12203 Phone: 518-464-0090  
Total Installations = 11

**Robert DelBane Plumbing & Heating**  
51 Ramsey Place  
Albany NY 12208 Phone: 518-858-6283  
Total Installations = 8

**Farrell Bros. Inc.**  
6 Simmons Lane  
Albany NY 12204 Phone: 518-462-5454  
Total Installations = 7

**James D. Warren & Sons**  
69 Forth Ave  
Albany NY 12202 Phone: 518-434-6138  
Total Installations = 3

**Empire State Plumbing Inc.**  
PO BOX 101  
East Greenbush NY 12061 Phone: 518-758-6237  
Total Installations = 2

**Mike Mazone Pipeline  
Plumbing & Heating  
5 Highfield Lane  
Albany NY 12208 Phone: 518-489-4987  
Total Installations = 2**

**Melden Plumbing & Heating, INC  
4 Sand Creek Road  
Albany NY 12205 Phone: 518-437-0240  
Total Installations = 2**

**Taub Heating & Plumbing  
Paul karins Jr.  
386 Elk Street  
Albany NY 12206 Phone: 518-463-8885  
Total Installations = 2**

**William Zurek Plumbing & Heating  
64 Bradford Street  
Albany NY 12206 Phone: 518-451-9678  
Total Installations = 2**

**A. Septic Service  
Anthony Corellis  
PO BOX 86  
Rensselaer NY 12144 Phone: 518-477-5600  
Total Installations = 1**

**Acro Plumbing & Heating  
PO BOX 10  
Glenmont NY 12077 Phone: 518-467-8633  
Total Installations = 1**

**Allen & Taub  
556 Yates Street  
Albany NY 12206 Phone: 518-489-6622  
Total Installations = 1**

**Apex Plumbing & Drain  
872 Albany Shaker Road Phone: 518-785-0795  
Latham NY 12110  
Total Installations = 1**

**HRO Mechanical Inc.**  
**Dbas Mr. Rooter**  
**PO BOX 9111**  
**Latham NY 12110 Phone: 518-458-9111**  
**Total Installations = 1**

**Michael Hogan**  
**173 Sycamore Street**  
**Albany NY 12209 Phone: 518-438-3398**  
**Total Installations = 1**

**J&R Plumbing & Heating**  
**1 Baker Street**  
**Albany NY 12205 Phone: 518-869-0363**  
**Total Installations = 1**

**Kumpel's Plumbing & Heating**  
**Chris Kumpel**  
**PO BOX 171**  
**Burnt Hill NY 12027 Phone: 518-378-4862**  
**Total Installations = 1**

**Keith Lezatte**  
**56 Plank Road**  
**Feura Bush NY 12067 Phone 518-378-5900 (C) 518-768-2744 (H)**  
**Total Installations = 1**

**Metro Plumbing/Nino Crisafulli**  
**PO BOX 144**  
**Latham NY 12210 Phone: 518-785-0576**  
**Total Installations = 1**

**MTV Plumbing & Heating**  
**1435 Lowell Road**  
**Schenectady NY 1208 Phone: 518-393-1112**  
**Total Installations = 1**

**Mister Rooter**  
**334 Northern Turnpike**  
**Johnsville NY 12094 Phone: 518-727-9459**  
**Total Installations = 1**

**Rizzo Plumbing & Heating**  
**24 Woodlawn Drive**  
**Schenectady NY 12309 Phone: 518-869-4256**  
**Total Installations = 1**

**Ross Court Plumbing**  
**PO BOX 123**  
**Latham NY 12110 Phone: 518-783-5842**  
**Total Installations = 1**

**Rotor Matic Plumbing & Pipe Cleaning**  
**Unit 211**  
**159 Delaware Ave**  
**Delmar NY 12054 Phone: 518-465-8000**  
**Total Installations = 1**

**J&S Walter**  
**4043 Albany Street**  
**Schenectady NY 12304 Phone: 518-346-7721**  
**Total Installations = 1**

**Jamit D Ztilinski**  
**1152 Barhidt**  
**Albany NY 12302 Phone: 518-365-0130**  
**Total Installations = 1**