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.
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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

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)
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 Plummer
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.
Dba 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