

## **Information on Basement Flooding Prevention Programs in Canada**

This list was last updated on July 25th, 2017 and deemed to be accurate at that time, however, we recommend checking with your municipality directly to confirm that the program is still available and applicable to your home and the requirements, as details commonly change.\*

### **LIST OF CITIES THAT HAVE SUMP PUMP INCENTIVE PROGRAMS (in alphabetical order)**

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[Sussex, NB](#)

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[Welland, ON](#)

[Windsor, ON](#)

Fully subscribed, but may be available again for 2018

Thunder Bay

City of Winnipeg

#### **1. CITY OF TORONTO**

**Program web link:**

<http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=30ee7c6a9967f310VgnVCM1000071d60f89RCRD&vgnnextchannel=f041ffa6ee33f310VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD>

### **A: Backwater valve**

Eligible work:

- Installation of or replacement of backwater valve
- Installation of alarm for backwater valve

Available subsidy = 80% of the invoiced cost up to a maximum of \$1,250 regardless of the number of devices installed at the property, including eligible labour, materials, permit and taxes.

### **B: Sump pump**

Eligible work:

- Installation of sump pump
- Replacement of existing sump pump
- Installation of alarm for sump pump
- Installation of back-up power for sump pump

Available subsidy = 80% of the invoiced cost up to a maximum of \$1,750 regardless of the number of devices installed at the property, including eligible labour, materials, permit and taxes.

### **C: Foundation drain (weeping tile) pipe severance and capping**

Eligible work:

- Disconnection of foundation drains (weeping tiles) from the City's sewer system by severing and capping the underground sewer connection

Available subsidy = 80% of the invoiced cost up to a maximum of \$400 including eligible labour, materials and taxes.

## **2. CITY OF WINDSOR**

**Program web link:**

[http://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/maintenanceandfieldservices/sewers-/pages/basement-flooding-protection-subsidy-program-\(bfp\).aspx](http://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/maintenanceandfieldservices/sewers-/pages/basement-flooding-protection-subsidy-program-(bfp).aspx)

- The Maximum Eligible Subsidy Limit is \$2,800 per Home/Unit:
  - Install backwater valve(s) (licensed plumber required) - Up to 80 percent of cost, (\$1,000 maximum)
  - Install sump pump with sump pump overflow and disconnect foundation drains to floor drains - Up to 80 percent of cost, (\$1,750 maximum)
  - Install only sump pump overflow to discharge outside to surface (applies to existing sump pumps only) - Up to 80 percent of cost, (\$300 maximum)
  - Install backwater valve and sump pump with sump pump overflow - Up to 80 percent of cost, (\$2,800 maximum)
  - Disconnect foundation drains from floor drain and/or dye testing and camera work as required - Up to 80 percent of cost, (\$400 maximum)
- What this program does not cover:
  - The replacement or upgrade of an existing sump pump
  - The addition of another sump pump
  - The installation of a sump pump when the foundation drains are already separated from the floor drain or sanitary sewer
  - Work performed for which a permit cannot be obtained

### 3. CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

#### Program web link:

<https://www.niagarafalls.ca/living/environment/wrap.aspx>

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|----------------------------|--|---|
| Weeping-tile Disconnection | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weeping-tile Investigation</li> <li>Disconnection of the Weeping-tile</li> <li>Sump Pump</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Labour, materials, (including restoration), permit &amp; taxes.</li> <li>Full 100% reimbursement to a maximum of \$3,000.00 (including HST)</li> </ul> |
| Backwater Valve            | Weeping-tile Investigation, Purchase & installation of suitably sized Mainline Fullport Backwater Valve (with clear cover); to prevent sewage flows from backing up into the basement. | Full 100% reimbursement to a maximum of \$900.00 (including HST)  |

### 4. DURHAM REGION

#### Program link:

[http://www.durham.ca/departments/works/sewer/basementflooding/sump\\_pump\\_loan\\_application.pdf](http://www.durham.ca/departments/works/sewer/basementflooding/sump_pump_loan_application.pdf)

- i) An interest free loan, not to exceed \$3,000, with repayment in equal amounts added to the resident's quarterly water and sewer bill. The repayment term is not to exceed 3 years.
- ii) Loans are advanced upon receipt of original invoices for eligible expenses incurred by the homeowner for eligible contracting services relating to the installation of a sump pump and approved backwater valve.

### 5. CITY OF KINGSTON

#### Program link:

[http://www.utilitieskingston.com/pdf\\_downloads/Preventative%20Plumbing%20Program%20Guide.pdf](http://www.utilitieskingston.com/pdf_downloads/Preventative%20Plumbing%20Program%20Guide.pdf)

#### Financial Assistance Levels

| Item   | % of Eligible Costs <sup>(1)</sup> | Maximum Assistance <sup>(2)</sup> |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Backwater Sewer Valve   | 75%                                | \$1,200                           |
| 2. New Sump Pit and Pump   | 75%                                | \$1,400                           |
| 3. Capping of Foundation Drain Connection  | 50%                                | \$1000                            |
| 4. Disconnection of Existing Sump Pump   | 50%                                | \$300                             |
| <b>Maximum Financial Assistance available per home</b>   |                                    | <b>\$3,000</b>                    |
| Notes:   |                                    |                                   |
| (1) Each element of the program has prescribed items that are considered eligible, i.e. ALL costs associated with the work may not be covered. In very general terms, costs that are ineligible are those generally associated with internal or external restoration (i.e. restoration of landscaping or floor and wall finishing). The % of eligible costs refers to the percentage of cost of the work that will be eligible for financial assistance. |                                    |                                   |
| (2) The maximum assistance is the maximum dollar value that will be eligible for financial assistance for the specific item and for the home in total.   |                                    |                                   |

## **6. HALTON REGION, ONTARIO**

### **Program web link:**

<https://webaps.halton.ca/SelfServiceWeb/Request.mvc/downspout/Details?step=1&sessionID=d40cf5a3-0c5e-4b07-acfb-f675d522d7f4>

Halton Region offer a variety of subsidies with their “Baement Flooding Prevention Subsidy Program” Subsidies vary between various Regions of Halton (Milton, Georgetown, Burlington, Oakville) and even by neighbourhood within the region. On the above page link, the address can be entered to view exact details of subsidies offered.

### **City of Burlington specific**

<https://www.burlington.ca/en/services-for-you/Flood-Prevention-Home-Checkup.asp>

**Burlington is also covered by the Intact Center on Climate Adaptation’s new Home Flood Prevention Program - for more information**

[http://www.intactcentreclimateadaptation.ca/home\\_flood\\_protect/](http://www.intactcentreclimateadaptation.ca/home_flood_protect/)

## **7. CITY OF OTTAWA**

### **Program web link:**

<http://ottawa.ca/en/residents/water-and-environment/wastewater-and-sewers/sewer-backups-and-flooding#residential-protective-plumbing-program>

### **Rebate payment and limits**

How much are the rebates?

| Item  | Maximum Rebate Amount              |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Permit  | \$80 (current Building Permit fee) |
| Closed-circuit television video (CCTV) – Sanitary           | \$100                              |
| Closed-circuit television video (CCTV) – Storm              | \$100                              |
| Indoor sanitary backwater valve only                        | \$700                              |
| Indoor storm backwater valve only                           | \$500                              |
| Indoor sanitary and storm backwater valves                  | \$1,000                            |
| Outdoor storm backwater valve only                          | \$1,750                            |
| Sump with battery backup power (high gradient or flat roof) | \$1,250                            |

## **8. CITY OF MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO**

Program web link:

<http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/stormwater/fdc-sump-pump-subsidy>

A sump pump subsidy program has been established to assist homeowners that live on streets serviced by the municipal foundation drain collector (FDC) system and provide an additional safeguard against basement water infiltration. The City is offering eligible homeowners a financial subsidy to install a sump pump with **up to 50 percent of the cost, to a maximum of \$3,000 per household.**

## **9. TOWN OF TECUMSEH**

Program web link:

[http://www.tecumseh.ca/sites/default/files/waterdept/2012\\_Program\\_Information\\_Application\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.tecumseh.ca/sites/default/files/waterdept/2012_Program_Information_Application_FINAL.pdf)

### **Downspout Disconnection Program**

The MOE is also offering residents up to \$300 per household for disconnecting downspouts from storm or sanitary drains. The MOE's subsidy is available retroactively from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012.

### **Total Subsidy**

Residents may be entitled to a total maximum subsidy of \$3,285 for the disconnection of foundations drains from the sanitary sewer and an additional \$300 for the disconnection of downspouts, for a total subsidy of \$3,585.

## **10. PEEL REGION**

Program web link:

<https://www.peelregion.ca/pw/water/sewage-trtmt/backwater-valve.htm>

### **Sanitary Backwater Valve Rebate Program**

The Region of Peel offers a sanitary backwater valve rebate of \$700 dollars for eligible homeowners until Dec 31, 2016. We will continue to accept rebate applications until June 30, 2017, for work done prior to Dec. 31, 2016. Please review the eligibility information below and contact the Region of Peel to confirm eligibility for this rebate program.

## **11. CITY OF WELLAND, ONTARIO**

Program web link:

<http://www.welland.ca/Building/SWAP.asp>

The City of Welland is offering a Grant Program to residents with documented basement flooding problems related to sanitary sewage back-ups which occurred July 31, 2004 and thereafter. SWAP works to provide funding for the installation of devices which provide basement flooding protection. A funding allocation to a maximum of \$3,000 is available to assist the Homeowner with the improvements.

## 12. ESSEX COUNTY, ONTARIO

Program web link:

[http://www.essex.ca/en/live/resources/Basement\\_Flooding\\_Subsidy\\_Program\\_Application.pdf](http://www.essex.ca/en/live/resources/Basement_Flooding_Subsidy_Program_Application.pdf)

### **Basement Flooding Protection Subsidy – Eligible Amounts**

#### **Install Backwater Valve(s) (permit required)**

Up to 50% of cost, (\$750. maximum)

#### **Install sump pump (including sump pit) to disconnect foundation drains from floor drains**

Up to 50% of cost, (\$750. maximum)

#### **Install backwater valve and sump pump**

Up to 50% of cost, (\$1,500 maximum)

#### **Investigative Pipe Camera work**

Up to 50% of cost, (\$200 maximum)

#### **Downspout Disconnect works**

Up to 100% of cost, (\$75 maximum)

## 13. CITY OF BRANTFORD

Program web link:

<http://www.brantford.ca/Communications/2011-01-05%20Final%20Revised%202010%20Basement%20Flooding%20Grant%20Program%20General%20Information.pdf>

The City of Brantford Basement Flooding Prevention Grant Program (BFPGP) provides one-time grants of up to \$3,000 to residential homeowners who have documented storm or sanitary sewer back-ups as a result of sewer surcharging. The BFPGP is based on compassionate grounds and is not considered an admission of liability on the part of the City of Brantford.

## 14. CITY OF PETERBOROUGH

Program web link:

[http://www.peterborough.ca/Living/City\\_Services/Flood\\_Reduction\\_Program/Flood\\_Reduction\\_Subsidy\\_Program.htm](http://www.peterborough.ca/Living/City_Services/Flood_Reduction_Program/Flood_Reduction_Subsidy_Program.htm)

### **Grant Payment and Restriction**

What is the maximum covered value?

The amount of the subsidy is governed by the Flood Reduction Subsidy Program and was approved by the City Council. The maximum amount of reimbursement allowed for each item is shown in the table below:

| Items | Description  | Maximum Amount Per Item Per Property |
|-------|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1     | Backwater Valve Installation Only                      | Full Cost Up to \$800.00             |
| 2     | Sump Pit and Pump to Isolate Drainage/Storm Leads Only | Full Cost Up to \$800.00             |
| 3     | Items 1 & 2 Together for the Same Property             | Full Cost Up to \$1,800.00           |
| 4     | Fixing Broken Clean Out Cover                          | Maximum of \$50.00                   |
| 5     | Downspout Disconnection                                | Full Cost Up to \$500.00             |
| 6     | Roof Drain Disconnection                               | Full Cost Up to \$3,500.00           |
| 7     | Catchbasin Disconnection                               | Full Cost Up to \$15,000.00          |
| 8     | For Properties with More than One (1) Eligible Items   | Case by Case Basis                   |

## **15. CITY OF ST.CATHARINES**

Program web link:

<https://www.stcatharines.ca/en/livein/Flood-Alleviation-Program.asp>

The City of St. Catharines Flood Alleviation Program (FLAP) provides grants of up to \$3,500 to homeowners who have or are at risk of having a sanitary back-up as a result of sewer surcharging.

FLAP consists of a grant to offset the cost of eligible work, which may include:

- The installation of a backwater valve to stop sewage back-ups
- The installation of a sump pump with a back-up pump (battery or water-powered)
- The disconnection of weeping tiles from the sanitary sewer
- The re-connection of these weeping tiles to the sump pump
- All materials and labour associated with the installation of the protective device

## **16. CITY OF LONDON, ON**

Program link:

<https://www.london.ca/residents/Sewers-Flooding/Basement-Flooding-Causes/Document/s/Sump-Pump-Grant-Program-Pamphlet.pdf>

### **The Program – An Overview**

Residential homes (Single detached, semi-detached, duplex dwellings):

| Remedial measure   | Grant:<br>75% of total cost to a maximum of |
|--|---|
| Full port-type backwater valve <sup>1</sup>  | \$825                                       |
| Sewage ejector installed with a sump pump <sup>2</sup>   | \$1,525                                     |
| Sump pumps: with weeping tiles disconnected <i>inside</i> the basement   | \$1,950                                     |
| Sump pumps: with weeping tiles disconnected <i>outside</i> the basement  | \$2,650                                     |
| Storm Private Drain Connection (PDC) for work from the City sewer in the road allowance to the dwelling unit       | \$6,000                                     |
| Storm building sewer on private property from an existing PDC on the City road allowance or within a City easement | \$1,000                                     |

<sup>1</sup>Where a sump pump already exists. <sup>2</sup>Instead of a full port-type backwater valve.

## **17. CITY OF LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA**

Program link:

<http://www.lethbridge.ca/living-here/water-wastewater/Pages/Protective-Plumbing-Incentive-Program.aspx>

**You may be eligible for a \$2,500 grant to offset the cost of installing protective plumbing if you qualify under the Program Eligibility Requirements.**

## **18. City of Sussex, New Brunswick**

### **Program link:**

<https://sussex.ca/living-in-sussex/emergency-preparedness/flood-prevention-subsidy-program>

#### **WHAT COST SHARING DOES THE SUBSIDY COVER?**

A one-time subsidy up to a maximum of \$3,000.00. Please see the table below for a breakdown of the maximum allowance.

Table

\* Homeowners will only qualify for this subsidy if they have demonstrated they do not have any downspout or weeping tile / foundation drain connections to the sanitary sewer.

## **19. CITY OF MONCTON, NEW BRUNSWICK**

### **Program link:**

[http://www.moncton.ca/Government/Departments/Building\\_Inspection/Backwater\\_Valve\\_Incentive\\_Program.htm](http://www.moncton.ca/Government/Departments/Building_Inspection/Backwater_Valve_Incentive_Program.htm)

\$500 rebate for their backwater valve incentive program

## **20. CITY OF BRANDON, MANITOBA**

### **Program web link:**

<http://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=10873>

The subsidy program will pay up to 60 per cent of the cost of installing a sewer/drainage backup system to a maximum of \$3,000 per household (up to \$1,000 toward the installation of an approved in-line backwater valve and up to \$2,000 toward the installation of a sump pump and pit drainage system).

## **21. CITY OF HUMBOLDT, SK**

### **Program link:**

<http://www.humboldt.ca/sites/all/sites/default/files/files/Storm%20Water%20Application.pdf>

Please check what work has been completed:

- Backwater Valve Installation Only – Up to \$200.00
- Proper Discharge of Sump Pump Pit (Professionally) – Up to \$250.00
- Proper Discharge of Sump Pump Pit (Self-Installation) – Flat \$150.00
- Redirection of Weeping Tile & Sump Pump Installation – Up to \$800.00
- Premium for all the above work being completed – Flat \$250.00

Potential Rebate Total – up to \$1,500



## 22. Portage la Prairie, MB

### Program link:

<http://www.city-plap.com/main/sewer-backup-subsidy-program/>

## SEWER BACKUP SUBSIDY PROGRAM

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The Province of Manitoba developed a cost-sharing program with municipalities to subsidize the purchase and installation of in-line backwater valves and sump pumps/pits. For 2015, City Council has allocated \$10,500 to this initiative. Applications are processed on a first come, first served basis. Under this Program, the City and Province will each provide 30% of the cost of valve installation, up to \$500 each, with the property owner paying the balance. The program would also pay 60% of the cost of installing a sump pump and pit drainage system to a maximum of \$2,000 per household, with the Province and the City each paying 30%.

Application forms are available at City Hall, or click here to download the 2-page application.

## 23. Greater Sudbury

### Program link:

<https://www.greatersudbury.ca/live/water-and-wastewater-services/preventative-plumbing-subsidy/preventative-plumbing-flyer-eng/>

### What is the maximum allowable subsidy?

The preventative plumbing subsidy has been calculated to provide an estimated 50 per cent reimbursement on the cost of purchase and professional installation of a Mainline\* backwater valve, sump pit drainage system or both. Original receipts for work paid in full must be presented when applying for a subsidy.

- In consultation with a plumber/contractor licensed by the City of Greater Sudbury, property owners may determine that a Mainline\* backwater valve on the sanitary sewer and/or stormwater connection may provide sufficient basement flooding protection.
- **Available subsidy** = 50% of the invoiced cost up to a maximum of \$1,000 including eligible labour, materials, and taxes.
- In consultation with a plumber/contractor licensed by the City of Greater Sudbury, property owners may determine that a sump pit drainage system is required to manage water that is normally collected by footing weeping tiles that drain to the sanitary, storm or combined sewer.
- **Available subsidy** = 50% of the invoiced cost up to a maximum of \$1,250 including eligible labour, materials, and taxes.
- In consultation with a plumber/contractor licensed by the City of Greater Sudbury, property owners may determine that both a backwater valve and a sump pit drainage system are required.
- **Available subsidy** = 50% of the invoiced cost up to a maximum of \$2,250 including eligible labour, materials, and taxes.

\* Or other backwater valve approved under the Ontario Building Code.

## **24. City of St. Thomas, ON**

**Program link:**

<http://stthomas.ca/content/aldborough-study-area-basement-flooding-grant-program>

To address basement flooding issues in the City of St. Thomas, the city developed a program to assist homeowners in preventing basement flooding. The city will assist homeowners by providing up to 75% of the cost to install a backwater valve and sump pump by disconnecting from the foundation drains.

## **25. City of Stratford, ON**

**Program link:**

[https://www.stratfordcanada.ca/en/livehere/resources/Wastewater/basement\\_isolation\\_program\\_application.pdf](https://www.stratfordcanada.ca/en/livehere/resources/Wastewater/basement_isolation_program_application.pdf)

## **26. City of Welland, ON**

**Program link:**

<https://www.welland.ca/Building/SWAP.asp>

The City of Welland is offering a Grant Program to residents with documented basement flooding problems related to sanitary sewage back-ups which occurred July 31, 2004 and thereafter. SWAP works to provide funding for the installation of devices which provide basement flooding protection. A funding allocation to a maximum of \$3,000 is available to assist the Homeowner with the improvements. The work done is between the Homeowner and their Contractor. The Homeowner is responsible for the on-going operation and maintenance of the devices.

## **27. Fort Erie, ON**

**Program link:**

[https://www.forterrie.ca/resource/files/31056F6AA71A34FE85257FC60065B214/\\$File/Extraneous%20Flow%20Reduction%20-%20Subsidy%20Program.pdf](https://www.forterrie.ca/resource/files/31056F6AA71A34FE85257FC60065B214/$File/Extraneous%20Flow%20Reduction%20-%20Subsidy%20Program.pdf)

**Eligible Work:** The works listed below will be given consideration for eligibility for financial subsidy by the Infrastructure Services Operations Division.

1. Installation of an approved sanitary sewer lateral backwater valve.
2. Installation of a sump basin together with a sump pump and discharge piping in conjunction with the elimination of foundation drainage / weeping tile.
3. Disconnection of roof leader downspouts or sump pump from discharging to the sanitary sewer system.
4. Renewal of the private side sanitary sewer lateral when deficiencies identified are confirmed as contributing sources of ground water infiltration to the sanitary sewer system.

Maximum Total Funding Allocation For Those Works Listed Above \$4500.00

## **28. City of Cornwall**

**Program link:**

[http://www.cornwall.ca/en/municipalworks/resources/Flood\\_Rebate\\_Application\\_Form.pdf](http://www.cornwall.ca/en/municipalworks/resources/Flood_Rebate_Application_Form.pdf)

## **29. City of Edmonton, AB**

**Program link:**

[https://www.edmonton.ca/programs\\_services/flooding/program-flood-proofing-backwater-valve-subsidy.aspx](https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/flooding/program-flood-proofing-backwater-valve-subsidy.aspx)

# **The Proactive Backwater Valve Subsidy Program**

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This program is for homeowners who have not experienced sanitary sewer backup and applies when funding is available from the Regular Backwater Valve Program. The homeowner must submit a request with the property location, flooding history if there is any, name, and contact number to Drainage Planning and Engineering.

To qualify the following criteria must be met:

- The residence is a single family dwelling or a separately serviced duplex dwelling
- The dwelling was built prior to 1989
- The property is serviced directly from the City's sewer system
- A subsidy has not previously been provided for the same location

Homeowners qualifying for either of the programs will receive a letter of authorization identifying their eligibility for a reimbursement and the applicable requirements.

## **30. City of Niagara Falls**

**Program link:**

<https://niagarafalls.ca/pdf/municipal-works/wrap-application.pdf>

This is a weeping Tile Removal Assistance Program only, but includes sump pump.

1. Work is defined as either:
  - the disconnection of weeping tiles from the sanitary sewer system and/or;
  - the disconnection of a sump pump from the sanitary sewer system and/or;
  - the installation of a backwater valve.
2. A subsidy grant should not exceed \$3,900.00, including HST, per property. A grant will only be awarded for the maximum amount outlined on the Approved Work Form. The Contractor must submit with their invoice to the City a copy of the original invoice or estimate if less than \$3,900.00 for Contractor's work, labour and materials used to complete the eligible works.

## **31. City of Leamington**

### **Program link:**

<http://www.learmington.ca/en/municipalservices/floodproofing.asp>

### **Check Valve or Sump Pump**

Flooding from severe weather conditions can cause sewage from the sanitary sewer to backup into people's homes. To assist residents with flood proofing their homes, the municipality adopted the following reimbursement policy:

#### **E00 – Flood Proofing – Subsidy to Residents**

The Municipality will reimburse residents to flood proof their homes by installing back water flow preventors (check valves) and sump pumps with a subsidy of \$200 per device and waive all permits and inspection fees for the said devices provided that:

- ▶ The homeowner makes the appropriate application to the Municipality for permits prior to making any of the said improvements;
- ▶ The home was constructed prior to July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2000 and the said flood proofing is a "first time" improvement (not replacement).

**\*We are providing these links for reference only and cannot guarantee the accuracy or availability of the various programs as they can change at any time, or the available funding be completed for a current year. The homeowner will be responsible to check on the accuracy and availability of subsidies within their respective municipalities and confirm their specific requirements..**