

Sanitary Backwater Preventer Valve Application Package

Rebate Program – Sanitary Backwater Preventer Valve

The Regional Municipality of Peel offers a Sanitary Backwater Valve rebate program:

Up to 60% of the invoiced amount to a maximum of \$1,500.00 (inclusive of applicable taxes). The Program is effective as of July 16, 2024.

Homeowners who previously received a rebate from a Peel Region basement flooding subsidy program are eligible for new rebates after 10 years from the date of the reimbursement.

This package includes general information about the rebate program as well as application form and sign off sheets. To apply for the rebate program, follow these steps:

- Read every page of this package;
- Complete the forms;
- Sign or initial all required fields;
- Attach required additional documents; and,
- Send it to the Region of Peel for review

Am I eligible for a Backwater Preventor Valve (BWV) Rebate?

NOTE: Only basement flooding from the sanitary sewer as a result of rainfall event, is eligible for the rebate program. Other types of flooding such clogged drain(s) or clogged sewer lateral are **NOT** eligible for the rebate program.

You can qualify for the rebate program if:

- You can provide proof of basement flooding from the sanitary sewer as a result of rainfall event, through an insurance claim. For proof of a flood-related insurance claim, the homeowner should ask their insurance company for an "Experience Letter" that lists the claim number, date of loss, and type of event.
- You can provide original or copies of invoice(s) or receipt(s) for the full cost of the backwater valve installation and are attached to this application to show:
 - Address of backwater valve installation
 - An itemized cost breakdown of all charges (cost of valve, cost of installation, taxes)
 - Payment in full indicated by the Contractor
 - Total amount paid

You **must** call Peel Region to determine your eligibility if:

1. You have been flooded but, have not submitted a claim to an insurance company; or
2. You have not been flooded, but you are worried that you may be living in a flood prone neighbourhood.

Please call to determine whether you are eligible for the rebate program at **905-791-7800, ext. 4409**.

To receive the rebate, you will have to submit a completed application package.

- Once your application has been processed, you will be notified by email whether your application has been approved or denied, within 30 business days. Please keep a copy of the application and documents for your own record.
- If your application is incomplete, or you have not included the required documentation, your application will not be processed and may be returned with a request to provide the outstanding information.

Do **not** install a BWV, unless you have confirmed your eligibility **directly** with Peel Region. Otherwise, you are accepting the risk of not receiving the rebate.

Note: Please allow 3 business days from the time of your phone call to hear back from us.

Beware of High-Pressure Door-to-Door Sales Agents

Residents are reminded that Peel Region, the City of Mississauga, City of Brampton and Town of Caledon do not employ or authorize other companies to install backwater valves or sump pumps on their behalf.

Notice With Respect To The Collection of Personal Information (Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)

Personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O 1990, c.M.56 ("MFIPPA") and will be retained, used, disclosed and disposed of in accordance with all applicable municipal, federal and provincial laws and regulations governing the collection, retention, use, disclosure and disposal of information, including MFIPPA. Information will be used for the purpose of processing the rebate application and verifying compliance with the Program. Any questions regarding this collection may be directed to Public Works Customer Service at 905-791-7800 ex 4409 to be forwarded on an appropriate staff member.

Check List of Required Documents

A complete application must have the following documents:

- ☐ Step-by-Step Application Checklist: Relevant steps must be checked on Page 4 of this application.
- ☐ Original or copies of invoice(s) or receipt(s) showing:
 - a. Address of backwater valve installation
 - b. An itemized cost breakdown of all charges (cost of valve, cost of installation, taxes)
 - c. Payment in full indicated by Contractor
 - d. Total amount paid
- ☐ Complete and sign the application form on Page 5 of the package.
- ☐ Building Permit
 - a. A municipal building inspector has inspected the installation and approved it

Some applications may require the following documents:

- Experience Letter from your insurance company if you have been flooded due to a past rain event. The "Experience Letter" must be issued by your insurance provider. It must list the claim number, date of loss, and type of event that resulted to the flooding.
- If all downspouts are not disconnected from the sewer network, a completed and signed Acknowledgement and Release form is required. (Page 7 of the package)].

How to submit the application?

Option 1: Online Email: publicworkscustserv@peelregion.ca

Option 2: Mail-in all required documents with signatures to:

Backwater Valve Rebate Program

2 Copper Road

Brampton, ON L6T 4W5

Applications will **NOT** be reviewed unless all required documents and signatures are received at the above address. Please keep a copy of the application and documents for your own record.

What is next?

Once your application has been received, Peel Region may do a visual assessment of the downspouts at your home. A cheque will be mailed to you within 6-8 weeks following verification of your downspout disconnection.

Step-by-Step Application Checklist

Description (please ensure you have completed the following)	Please check
<p>1. I have confirmed my eligibility for the rebate program (See Page 1)</p> <p>This means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You have an “Experience Letter”; or you have called the Region and confirmed your eligibility. Your property has not received any previous rebate, from Peel Region, for any historical downspout disconnection and/or backwater prevention valve, within the last 10 years. 	
<p>2. I have determined that a sanitary backwater prevention valve is right for my property</p> <p>This means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You have performed all the necessary research and consultation. You have a general understanding of what a sanitary backwater valve does. You understand the ongoing maintenance requirements of a sanitary backwater valve. You have confirmed that there are no cross-connections within the sanitary plumbing. You have made sure that no downspouts/roof drain/foundation drain/sump pumps will discharge upstream of the backwater valve. You have decided whether to install the valve inside or outside of your home. You have made sure that the sanitary backwater valve, to be installed, is a “normally open type” and adheres to the Ontario building code. <p>Note: You may need consult with a licensed plumber to do a thorough assessment of your home plumbing.</p>	
<p>3. I have obtained a building permit from my municipality (Brampton, Mississauga or Caledon)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This means that you have paid the fees (if applicable) and obtained the permit. 	
<p>4. For Downspouts, select one of the following and initialize:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All downspouts are disconnected and discharge to the surface, away from the home <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One or more downspouts are not disconnected. I have signed the ‘Acknowledgement and Release’ form. (Page 6 of the package). 	
<p>5. I have had my sanitary backwater valve installed</p>	
<p>6. The sanitary backwater valve installation has been approved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A municipal building inspector has inspected the installation and approved it; 	
<p>7. I have included all the required documents (Page 3) and submitted them.</p>	

Sanitary Backwater Valve (BWV) Rebate Application

Applicant Information

Residential Property Address: (BWV is installed at this address)

Address:

City/Town:

Postal Code:

☐ Mississauga ☐ Brampton ☐ Caledon

Water Service Account Number found on water bill:

Location of BWV Installation: ☐ Inside Home ☐ Outside Home**Owner's Information**

Name of Owner(s) of the property, if different from above:

Owner Address (if different from above):

City: ☐ Mississauga ☐ Brampton ☐ Caledon

Postal Code:

Email:

Telephone:

BWV Installation Requirements

I have:

- ☐ Confirmed eligibility by contacting Peel Region at 905-791-7800 ext. 4409.
- ☐ Determined that a sanitary backwater valve is appropriate for my residential property.
- ☐ Attached a copy of the approved building permit from the City of Brampton, City of Mississauga, or the Town of Caledon for the installation of a sanitary backwater valve Included all required original copies of invoice(s) or receipts(s).
- ☐ Disconnected all downspouts and/or signed the "Acknowledgement and Release by Owner" included in this application, for any remaining connected downspouts on my property.

Agreement and Signatures

I have read, understood and agree to the Terms and Conditions of Sanitary Backwater Valve Rebate Program included with this application form.

Date at _____ (City/Town), this _____ (date)

Signature of Owner

Name of Owner (Print)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RELEASE BY OWNER

(to be completed by Owner only if any or all downspouts on the residential property are to remain connected)

Release of liability when all downspouts are not disconnected, and a backwater valve installed.

I, _____, residential property owner of _____ (the "Property"), acknowledge that I am unable or unwilling to disconnect one or more of the downspouts located on my Property from the sewer system. I have installed a backwater valve. I understand that if the valve is in the closed position, I may be at risk of basement flooding from sources of water other than those that come into my home from the sanitary sewer at the street. During a storm or a high -water event, my basement may flood with water from any remaining connected downspouts. I accept this risk and release The Regional Municipality of Peel from any direct or indirect liability in connection with any flooding of my home as a result of my decision to not disconnect one or more of the downspouts located on my property.

Date at _____ (City/Town), this _____ (date)

SIGNED in the presence of:

Name of **Owner** (print) (must be over 18 years of age)

Name of **Witness** (print) (must be over 18 years of age)

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Please note: Your application will NOT be processed if a witness signature and name are not provided when all the downspouts have not been disconnected.

Terms and Conditions

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

In consideration of receiving the rebate under the Sanitary Backwater Valve Rebate Program (the "Programs") from The Regional Municipality of Peel (Peel Region"), the (Owner) (as defined below), as further defined below, acknowledges and agrees to the following:

1. **"Area Municipality"** is defined as the municipality in which the residential property receiving the benefit of the Work (as defined below) is located (i.e. City of Mississauga, the City of Brampton or the Town of Caledon).
2. **"Completed Work"** is defined as Work that is fully functional and acceptable under industry standard. The Work is only deemed 'Complete' upon meeting Ontario Building Code Standards and passing of inspection by the Area Municipality.
3. **"Contractor"** is defined as a qualified contractor retained by the Owner (as defined below) to complete the required Work on the residential property. For example, a licensed plumber or drain contractor.
4. **"Owner"** is defined as the applicant(s) to the Program and the registered owner(s) of the residential property where the Work is to be completed.
5. **"Regional Representative"** is defined as a Peel Region employee, or a contractor or a consultant hired by and representing the Peel Region (for the purposes of evaluating and administering applications or inquiries under the Program).
6. **"Work"** is defined as including:
 - a. Owner determining the need for the backwater valve and its installation point, this may include an investigation of the residential property's plumbing by a Contractor to verify that the installation of a sanitary backwater valve is appropriate and to determine the appropriate model and placement;
 - b. Disconnection of all downspouts on the residential property from the sewer system(s) unless the "Acknowledgement and Release By Owner" has been signed by the Owner regarding any or all downspouts that remain connected on the property;
 - c. Obtaining a building permit from the Area Municipality for installation of a sanitary backwater valve on the sanitary sewer pipe;
 - d. Installation of a sanitary backwater valve on the sanitary sewer pipe; and
 - e. Inspection and sign off by a building inspector from the Area Municipality to assure that the sanitary backwater valve installation was done correctly.
7. The Owner understands that installation of a sanitary backwater valve may not be appropriate for all homes and shall conduct a plumbing investigation on the residential property to identify all connections where wastewater or water can enter the system. The non-wastewater connections identified should be mitigated to avoid potential instances of self-flooding during storm or high-water events.
8. The Work performed on the residential property is to be coordinated and completed at the Owner's sole discretion. Any and all costs for the performance of the Work shall be at the Owner's sole cost and expense. Applicable rebates, if any, will occur upon the Work being declared Complete, verification by Peel Region has been conducted, and all Program requirements met.
9. The Owner, not Peel Region, is responsible for the on-going operation and maintenance of all equipment installed as part of the Work and shall notify any subsequent owners upon the sale of the residential property of the maintenance obligations. If plugged or blocked weeping tiles, foundation drains, and/or private side sewer laterals are discovered upon excavation for installation of the sanitary backwater valve, the Owner may choose to undertake remedial action at their sole cost and expense. The Owner acknowledges that these may pose an increased risk of self-flooding if not rectified before the backwater valve is installed.
10. All downspouts on the residential property must be disconnected from the sewer system(s). The Owner must ensure the disconnection meets the Area Municipality conditions or by-laws for completion and the disconnection must be verified by Peel Region in order to process the rebate application.
11. If for any reason the owner determines that one or more downspouts cannot be disconnected, the "Acknowledgement and Release By Owner" must be signed by the Owner. ***Peel Region strongly recommends that Owners disconnect all downspouts on their residential property as failure to do so may lead to an increased risk of self-flooding if not addressed before the installation of the sanitary backwater valve.***

12. The Owner must ensure the downspout disconnections meet the following program requirements for Sanitary Backwater Valve and Downspout Disconnection (if applicable) rebate processing by Peel Region:
 - a. Flow from the disconnected downspout is discharged away from the building through use of an elbow and extension which discharge to a splash pad;
 - b. Flow from the disconnected downspout does not discharge directly onto public sidewalks;
 - c. The standpipe which remains from downspout disconnection must be permanently sealed and capped to the satisfaction of Peel Region during a possible verification.
13. The Owner should ensure that disconnection follows the Area Municipality's by-laws for completion and that the following additional recommendations for downspout disconnection have been considered:
 - a. The ground surface is graded at a minimum 2% slope away from the house or building;
 - b. Flow from disconnected downspouts does not negatively impact any neighbouring property; and
 - c. Flow from the disconnected downspouts should discharge to permeable surfaces (i.e. grass and not a driveway) to avoid creating a hazardous situation or slip and fall risks for which the applicant may be held responsible.

If these recommended criteria cannot be met, then the Owner may determine it necessary to consult with a Contractor to determine alternative options for rerouting downspouts to achieve disconnection and/or downspout disconnection may not be feasible.

14. Peel Region does not guarantee or warrant the quality of workmanship or the suitability of any or all of the Work to be completed on the residential property or that the performance of any or all of the parts/products used to complete the Work will be free of defects.
15. The Owner acknowledges that installation of a sanitary backwater valve is not a guarantee that future flooding will not occur on the residential property. During a storm or high water event the basement may flood with sewage from the Owner/tenant if they continue to use water within the residential property when the backwater valve is closed. The basement may also flood with water from the weeping tiles or high ground water if there are connections within the underground piping or from overland flow.
16. The Owner acknowledges that their decision to sign the "Acknowledgement and Release By Owner" for remaining downspout connections on the property does not grant an exemption for remaining connections from Peel Region. Remaining connections may still be subject to evaluation under Peel Region's applicable by-laws for potential future mandatory downspout disconnection programs.
17. To qualify for a rebate the residential property must not have received any previous rebates from Peel Region under any historical Downspout Disconnection and/or Sanitary Backwater Valve Rebate Programs within the past 10 years.
18. Peel Region's approval to grant a rebate, for the Work arising from the Owner's decision to install a sanitary backwater valve shall not be considered in any way an admission on the part of Peel Region of liability or responsibility for past or future backups of the Region of Peel's sanitary sewer system.
19. Access to the residential property is required by Peel Region or the Regional Representatives in order to complete the verifications as noted above, the Owner agrees to co-operate with Peel Region and/or the Regional Representatives to provide reasonable access to the residential property.
20. The Owner shall indemnify and hold harmless Peel Region and Regional Representatives against all liability, loss, costs, claims, damages, and expenses, causes of action, actions, claims, demands, lawsuits and other proceedings, by whomever made, sustained, brought or prosecuted, including third party bodily injury, death, personal injury, and property damage, in any way based upon, occasioned by or attributable to the Owner's participation in these Programs or as a result of the Work performed by the Contractor or as a result of Peel Region's or the Regional Representatives' access to the residential property.
21. Distribution of rebate funding is on a first come, first-served basis. Rebate funding is limited and will only be distributed while funds last.
22. Peel Region may deny any application that does not meet the requirements set out herein at its sole discretion.
23. Peel Region reserves the right to cancel, suspend or alter the Programs at any time or refuse, in its sole discretion, all further applications.
24. The Owner agrees to refund such rebate to the Region of Peel on request, if this Application contains any material misstatement or misrepresentation on such Owner's behalf, or if the Owner breaches any of the terms or conditions above; Peel Region shall have the right to collect any such rebate through any methods available at law.