



# Sanitary Engineering Department

OF MAHONING COUNTY  
WASTE WATER - WATER

A Department of the Mahoning County Commissioners

RE: Backflow Control Program

## Who is Eligible to Participate in the Program?

If you are a customer of the Mahoning County Sanitary Engineering Department for your sanitary sewer service you are eligible to participate in the program. If you are not sure if you are a customer of the Mahoning County Sanitary Engineering Department, contact the Business Office at 330.793.5514, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

The following information and instructions are provided for eligible customers to participate in the **BACKFLOW CONTROL PROGRAM**.

MCSSED customers are asked to read the following carefully to avoid delays in obtaining reimbursement for expenses and to insure the proper equipment is installed.

### **REQUIREMENTS OF THE SANITARY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

- 1> If you are eligible and to qualify for the 50% reimbursement up to a maximum of \$2,500, a combination backwater valve and sump pump shall be installed. The removal of the footer drains from the sanitary sewer shall be completed prior to reimbursement.

Eligible properties with an existing sump pump will be inspected prior to reimbursement for an installed combination backwater valve.

**Note: See requirements of Board of Health.**

- 2> To obtain reimbursement for costs to have the footer drains removed from the sanitary sewer, sump pump must be installed and combination backwater valve placed on the sanitary sewer lateral, eligible home/property owner(s) are to obtain at least two (2) estimates from master plumbers or other Mahoning County approved contractors. Residents contacting businesses to do the work should inquire as to experience in performing the work to be done.

- Homeowners performing work on their property will not be reimbursed for any labor costs.

**Note: See requirements of Board of Health.**

- 3> When all work is completed, eligible home/property owner(s) shall provide Mahoning County proof of payment to the contractor for work performed. Before reimbursement of fifty percent (50%) of cost up to a maximum of \$2,500 is paid by this department, the homeowner/property owner shall sign a statement releasing the County from all liability in connection with the work or the proper operation of the combination backwater valve and sump pump.

#### **REQUIREMENTS OF THE MAHONING COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

- 1> Work shall be performed by a master plumber. Note: While the Board of Health requires the work to be performed by a master plumber, property owners/homeowners are permitted to work on their own property and shall obtain all necessary permits prior to beginning work. The work shall be properly performed and meet all Board of Health Requirements.
- 2> Permits must be obtained from the Board of Health for the sump pump installation, valve, and general inspection of work.
- 3> The Board of Health must inspect the work prior to completion of work, i.e., the covering of piping.

If the work has been previously completed and a reimbursement for costs is requested, the homeowner/property owners should contact the Board of Health to see if an inspection of the work was done at the time of performance. If the work has not been inspected by the Board of Health, inspection of the existing sump pump and backwater valve shall be made prior to reimbursement.

The Board of Health maintains a list of master plumbers. Please contact the Board of Health at (330)270-2855 for a list of master plumbers to perform the work.

The steps outlined above are intended to allow eligible property owners to proceed with the work and insure reimbursement of fifty percent (50%) of the cost to a maximum of \$2,500 by the Sanitary Engineering Department. Eligible property owners may proceed with the work and do not need to contact this office prior to the work. Once work is complete, costs paid by the eligible property owner, documentation may then be submitted to the department for payment.

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Reimbursements through this program will be made in thirty (30) to sixty (60) days from receipt of all required documents.

Any questions may be directed to this office at (330) 793-5514 ext 8204, Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 4 PM.

cc: Board of Health  
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