

Basement Flooding Protection Subsidy Program

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Basements can flood for many reasons. While the City of Toronto is working to make improvements to its complex system of underground pipes, sewers and catchbasins, these improvements alone cannot completely protect a home from basement flooding. With the increasingly frequent and severe weather events related to climate change, it is essential that homeowners take the appropriate action to reduce the risk of basement flooding on their own private property. Those who isolate their home from the City's sewer system can significantly reduce the risk of basement flooding.

To assist homeowners, the City offers owners of single-family, duplex and triplex residential homes a financial subsidy of up to \$3,200 per property to install flood protection devices including a back-water valve, a sump pump, and pipe severance and capping of the home's storm sewer or external weeping tile connection.

Work that is eligible

Each property owner is required to have a plumber, licensed by the City of Toronto, carry out a site assessment to determine the suitability of isolating their property from the City's sewer system. Contact Municipal Licensing & Standards at 416-392-6700 to verify that your contractor has the appropriate City of Toronto plumbing licenses. The following items and works are eligible for a subsidy after proper installation:

A: Back-water valve

In consultation with a plumber licensed by the City of Toronto, homeowners may determine that a **back-water valve** on the sanitary sewage and/or stormwater connection could provide sufficient basement flooding protection.

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

B: Sump pump

In consultation with a plumber or contractor licensed by the City of Toronto, homeowners may determine that a **sump pump** is required to manage the water normally collected by footing weeping tiles that drain to the sanitary, storm or combined sewer.

Available subsidy = 80% of the invoiced cost up to a maximum of \$1,750 including labour, materials and taxes.

C: Back-water valve + sump pump

In consultation with a plumber licensed by the City of Toronto, homeowners may determine that both a back-water valve and a sump pump are required (see details in previous section A and B).

Available subsidy = 80% of the invoiced cost up to a maximum of \$2,800 including eligible labour, materials, permit and taxes.

D: Pipe severance and capping

In consultation with a plumber or contractor licensed by the City of Toronto, homeowners may determine that disconnecting foundation drains (weeping tiles) from the City's sewer system by severing and capping the underground storm sewer connection pipe is also required to protect the home from basement flooding.

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

When you are applying for more than one item under the subsidy program, you cannot apply any unused funds from one item to another.

The City of Toronto will determine the eligibility of properties that meet the requirements listed below:

- The property must be registered as a single-family residential, duplex or triplex property within the City of Toronto.
- The subsidy is available only to existing homes, not homes in the planning stages or currently under construction.
- The property must have its eavestrough downspouts properly disconnected from the City sewer system, where possible.
- A plumber currently licensed by the City of Toronto, must be hired to install a back-water valve.
- A contractor currently licensed by the City of Toronto must be hired to install a sump pump and/or perform severance and capping.
- A building permit and an approved inspection must be obtained for back-water valve installations.
- For properties with a parking pad instead of a driveway, all front yard paved areas must comply with the City's Zoning By-law requirements.
- All installations must be completed before the applicant applies for the subsidy.
- Invoice(s) must show a cost breakdown of all charges, the total amount paid and be clearly marked as "paid in full."
- The property owner or authorized legal representative must sign and date the application form.
- All documents must be originals. No photocopies will be accepted.
- Applications and supporting documentation must be received by the Basement Flooding Protection Subsidy Program Office within one year of the date of completion of the work as listed on your original invoice.
- Subsidies for eligible work are subject to available funding and provided on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Subsidies are provided one time only for each eligible installation, per property, and on a no-fault basis.

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Section 1: Owner and property information

Property owner's first and last name

Address of property that subsidy applies to

Number Street name City Province Postal Code

Daytime phone Evening phone email

Have you disconnected your property's downspouts from the sewer system? YES NO Never connected

Have you added a front yard paved parking area (parking pad) to your property? YES NO If yes, does it comply with the City's Zoning By-laws? YES NO

Mailing address (if different from above)

Number Street name City Province Postal Code

Daytime phone Evening phone

Section 2: Back-water valve permit and inspection information This section is to be filled out by applicants installing a back-water valve

Permit number Name of Toronto Building inspector Date of inspection: Y Y Y Y / M M / D D

Section 3: Plumber/contractor information

Plumber/contractor name T - City of Toronto License Number (9 digits) License expiry date

Section 4: Financial information

Charges as itemized on your invoice (if applicable):

1) Back-water valve \$ _____

2) Sump pump \$ _____

3) Pipe severance/capping \$ _____

Total amount paid: \$ _____

(clearly shown as "paid in full" on your invoice)

If your application is incomplete, or you have not included the required documentation, your application will not be processed and will be returned to you with a request for the outstanding information.

I/We certify that the information, statements and representations given in this application and any accompanying materials are true, accurate and complete in all respects. I/We understand that any false or deceptive information, statement or representation given in this application and any accompanying materials may result in the rejection or revocation of this application and any approval thereof and immediate demand by the City for full repayment of any subsidy paid by the City. In addition to any other civil remedies available to the City, I/we agree that I/we shall immediately repay the City all subsidy monies paid to me/us and shall indemnify the City for any and all costs it may incur, by reason of the giving or making of such false or deceptive information, statement or misrepresentation in this application and any accompanying materials.

Section 5: Document checklist

Please make sure that:

This application is completed and signed by the property owner or legally authorized representative.

The original invoice(s) marked "paid in full" and itemized with cost breakdowns of all charges are included.

Note: Please keep photocopies of all documents submitted for your personal records. Your original invoice(s) will be returned to you after your application is processed.

Applicant's Signature

Date: Y Y Y Y / M M / D D

Please mail this application and all required original documents to:

Basement Flooding Subsidy Protection Program

City of Toronto

PO Box 15266 STN BRM B

Toronto, ON M7Y 2W1

The personal information on this form together with any attached documents is collected under the authority of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, s. 136, and By-law 292-1999. The information is used to assess your eligibility for the Basement Flooding Protection Subsidy Program, to process your payment where eligible, and for aggregate statistical reporting. Questions about this collection can be directed to: Supervisor, Service Programs, PO Box 15266 STN BRM B, Toronto, ON M7Y 2W1 or to 416-395-6376.

STEPS > How to apply for a subsidy

- 1 Consult with a plumber licensed by the City of Toronto for an assessment and recommendation of the appropriate installation(s) that will isolate your property from the City's sewer system.

If you are NOT installing a back-water valve, continue to step number 2.

The following steps are applicable for back-water valve installations only.

If you plan on having a back-water valve installed on your property, you or your plumber must first:

- 1a) **Obtain a permit from the City of Toronto Building Division.**
- 1b) To obtain a permit, you must go to one of the City of Toronto service counters and provide the required fee and drawing (signed by the property owner). If the proposed work meets the Building Code requirements, you will be provided with a permit.

Permits can be obtained at the following locations:

Toronto and East York District
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
416-392-7539

Wards: 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32

North York District
North York Civic Centre
5100 Yonge Street
416-395-7000

Wards: 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34

Etobicoke York District
2 Civic Centre Court
416-394-8002

Wards: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 17

Scarborough District
Scarborough Civic Centre
150 Borough Drive
416-396-7322

Wards: 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44

- 1c) **Request an inspection for the completed installation.**

Back-water valve installations require an inspection by Toronto Building division. Please be sure to schedule an inspection before enclosing or covering the work. This will ensure that the inspector is able to see if the installation meets the applicable Building Code requirements.

- 2 After the flooding protection work has been completed, obtain an itemized invoice marked "paid in full" from your City of Toronto-licensed plumber or contractor.

- 3 Complete the Basement Flooding Protection Subsidy Program application form.

- 4 Mail the completed application form with all the required documentation to:

Basement Flooding Protection Subsidy Program
City of Toronto
PO Box 15266
STN BRM B
Toronto, ON M7Y 2W1

- 5 The Program Office will then review your application and determine if you are eligible for a subsidy.

- 6 If your application is incomplete or you have not included the proper documentation, it will not be processed and all documents will be returned to you. If your application is denied, you will be notified by mail.

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