



SEWER BACKUP PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Village of La Grange Park is pleased to announce a newly expanded Sewer Backup Prevention Program. Owners of single-family, two-family, and multi-family (3+ units), are now able to participate, whether owner-occupied or rental units. The program is designed to help with the cost of *plumbing improvements to address sanitary sewer related backups*.

The program is being administered on a “first come – first served” basis, and will provide 50% reimbursement of eligible sewer related costs, subject to a maximum reimbursement of \$3,000 for backflow devices or \$5,000 for overhead sewers.

The goal of the program is to encourage homeowners to improve their quality of life and enhance property values through the reduction of sanitary sewer backups. To accomplish this goal, the Village has budgeted \$50,000 for such, for the period of May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025. An additional amount of \$300,000 has also been awarded to the Village by Cook County for the program, which is being provided through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

ELIGIBLE PROGRAM REIMBURSEMENTS

ALL WORK MUST BE DONE BY A LICENSED PLUMBER.

In an effort to provide funding to as many residents as possible, strict guidelines have been developed to limit the scope of work to items that will correct sanitary sewage problems. The following guidelines are listed to identify eligible and non-eligible costs:

ELIGIBLE COSTS

- ◆ Installation of overhead sewers.
- ◆ Installation of backflow prevention valve.
- ◆ Installation of a Flood Control System (a backflow prevention valve and bypass pump in an underground vault).
- ◆ Installation of a sump pit and sump pump necessary to pump sanitary sewage from below-grade fixtures to an overhead sewer.
- ◆ Cost of trenching and concrete floor replacement associated with eligible work.
- ◆ Permit fees.

NON-ELIGIBLE COSTS

- ◆ Backup or flooding improvements made to commercial, industrial, or similar properties; (all properties that are not considered single-family or multiple-family).
- ◆ Property improvements not associated with sanitary sewage backup protection (i.e. foundation cracks, seepage, etc.) below grade.
- ◆ Removal and replacement of basement walls and finishes.
- ◆ Use of materials or methods not meeting the requirements of Village specifications.
- ◆ Upgrading of electrical supply to accommodate sump pump.
- ◆ Battery back-up system for sump pump.
- ◆ Alarm Panels
- ◆ Cost of disconnecting downspouts. (May be eligible through Village's Downspout Disconnection Program)
- ◆ Restoration with grass seed or sod or other landscape work.
- ◆ Work performed without necessary building permits.
- ◆ Expenses incurred before approval of program participation.

HOW TO APPLY

To be eligible for reimbursement, several steps are required. Applicants need to carefully review the materials to fully understand the obligations and requirements of the program.

- (1) Property Homeowner obtains written proposals from licensed plumbing contractors to perform necessary corrective action. Property Owner is encouraged to solicit and provide (3) three proposals to complete the required work, as contractors may have differing opinions (and fees) related to the means of solving your backup problem. The property owner needs to be in a position to make an informed decision as to the Contractor they will select. The Village shall not be a party to any contract related to the program.
- (2) Property owner selects contractor.
- (3) Property owner submits the two-page signed program Application Form to the Village, accompanied by a copy of the proposal from the contract that the homeowner has selected.
- (4) Village approves program participation, or alternatively, if program funding is not currently available, Program Application Form is put in a queue in the order it was submitted, should funding become available.
- (5) Contractor obtains necessary building/plumbing permits.
- (6) Once work is completed and inspection(s) are completed and approved, property owner submits a completed and signed Reimbursement Form, along with required documentation, to the Village.

PROPERTY OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY

Once the plumbing work is completed the following items will be the sole responsibility of the Property Owner:

- (a) Restoration or replacement of shrubbery.
- (b) Correction of settling in the excavated area. Settling of excavated soils is common. The property owner will be responsible for any future filling and reseeding.
- (c) Future maintenance of sump pump, backflow valve, overhead sewer, associated electrical equipment and all other related equipment and improvements intended to prevent sanitary sewage backup.

LIABILITY

The Village shall have no liability for any defective work or other damage, injury or loss because of any act or omission of the Contractor in the performance of the work. The Property Owner is contracting directly with the Contractor for the performance of the work. Property Owner hereby agrees to indemnify and hold the Village harmless against all claims, and further covenants not to sue the Village for all claims.

DISCLAIMER

The Village Sewer Backup Protection Program is designed to allow property owners to help reduce the risk of sewage backups. However, there is always some risk of sewage backup because of unexpected sewer collapse, obstruction, power failure, extreme environmental conditions or other unforeseen factors. The Property Owner has the responsibility for all testing, inspections and any corrective work that may become necessary.

HOW TO OBTAIN REIMBURSEMENT

The program is designed to be a reimbursement program. Thus, the homeowner is responsible for the selection of the contractor, and all obligations to make payment for the work performed.

Following a favorable final inspection and submittal of evidence of payment, the homeowner may seek reimbursement for work performed by submitting the attached form and W-9. Federal Tax Law requires the village to send you a 1099 at year end.

Although the Village does not require the homeowner to select the contractor providing the lowest proposal, Village reimbursement is limited to 50% of the cost of the lowest proposal submitted, subject to a maximum of \$3,000 for backflow devices or \$5,000 for overhead sewers.

QUESTIONS

Any questions regarding the program should be directed to Dean Maggos at (708) 354-0225, x310, or by email at dmaggos@lagrangepark.org.

PROGRAM SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL

All work performed under this program shall be performed by a licensed plumber and meet all applicable requirements of the currently enacted Building Codes of the Village of La Grange Park, including but not limited to: the Illinois Plumbing Code, National Electric Code and BOCA Codes. Electrical work shall be done by a licensed electrician. Nothing in these guideline specifications shall prevent the property owner and Contractor from including further specifications or more strict specifications for the work, or from including additional work items in their contract.

SUMPS AND SUMP PUMPS FOR OVERHEAD SEWERS

The sump basin shall be a minimum 18" x 30". The ejector pump shall be a minimum 2" submersible pump which is capable of pumping from 25 to 90 gallons per minute at 10 feet total dynamic head. The pump shall have a minimum horsepower of ½. Manufacturers pump specifications and catalog sheets must be provided.

WIRING/ELECTRIC

All work shall conform to the minimum requirements of the current adopted Electrical Code of the Village. All pumps shall be provided with separate dedicated circuits and pumps shall operate on normal 110-volt household electric service. The electrical lead-in to the pump shall be long enough to enable easy removal of the pump from the basin for maintenance purposes.

BACKFLOW PREVENTION VALVE

Backflow prevention valves for the sanitary sewer house lateral shall be the same diameter as the house lateral. Access for maintenance and repair of cast iron check valves shall be provided by installing the unit in a minimum 48" precast vault in the front yard of the residence. No vault is needed for a PVC clean and check system.

LINE LOCATING

The Contractor shall locate all sewer lines to establish existing drainage conditions before starting work. Location shall be accomplished using an appropriate sonic radio or electric field emitting device intended for sewer line locating purposes.

RESTORATION

Program eligible restoration shall be limited to replacement of the Portland cement concrete floor slabs and not finished surfaces such as tile or carpeting. Exterior surfaces eligible for reimbursement are limited to dirt and seed, asphalt drives and Portland cement concrete sidewalks, drives, and patios.

DISCONNECTION OF DOWNSPOUTS

Property Owner must disconnect any downspouts and footing sump pumps from the Village's combined sewer system and must take all corrective action necessary to prevent the discharge of roof drainage and footing sump pump discharge into the Village's combined sewer system, unless an exemption is obtained from the Village in accordance with its ordinance. In all cases, the disconnected downspout shall not discharge water onto adjoining properties.



SEWER BACKUP PREVENTION PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Date you moved into this home: (Month) _____ (Year) _____

Are the roof drains/downspouts disconnected from the Village's sewer system? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Does your home have an outside catch basin? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Does your home have a foundation/footing drain? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is your groundwater sump pump disconnected from the Village's sewer system? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please check all basement plumbing fixtures found in your home:

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| ☐ Floor drain | ☐ Shower/tub |
| ☐ Slop sink/wash basin | ☐ Sump Pump |
| ☐ Lavatory/toilet | ☐ Ejector Pump |
| ☐ Other (please describe) _____ | |

How many basement flooding events did you experience during the last 12 months? _____

During the last 5 years? _____

SELECTION OF SEWER BACKUP PREVENTION OPTIONS

Indicate the type of improvement you wish to install:

- ☐ Installation of an ejector pit and ejector pump necessary to pump sanitary sewage from below-grade fixtures to an overhead sewer.
- ☐ Installation of a Flood Control System (a backflow prevention valve and bypass pump in an underground vault).
- ☐ Installation of a clean and check valve.
- ☐ Other. Please provide detailed description _____

ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS REQUIRED

Although not initially required, each of the following documents must be added to this application in order for the application to proceed and for a permit to be issued for the specific work:

- ☐ Copy of a detailed contract from plumbing contractor selected to do the work
- ☐ Completed building permit application (plumbing, and electrical if applicable) *with all applicable fees paid.*

I certify that the information as provided in this application is true and correct. I further certify that I have read and accept the conditions and requirements stated in the PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS and GUIDELINE SPECIFICATIONS, which are attached to this application.

Signature

Date



SEWER BACKUP PREVENTION PROGRAM REIMBURSEMENT FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Date work was completed: _____

Plumbing/electric permit number: _____

Name of Contractor(s): _____

Village Inspection Date: _____

(Attach copy of inspection report)

Total cost of work incurred: _____

(Attach proof of payment)

OWNER CERTIFICATION

I, _____ am the owner of the property indicated above
and I certify that the information contained in this request for reimbursement is true and accurate.

Signature

Date

