



# Village of Bloomingdale

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## VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE

### OVERHEAD SEWER SERVICE GRANT PROGRAM

#### **Purpose**

Some homes are subject to basement back-ups because of “low” sanitary service lines in relation to the elevation of the Village mainline sewer. During rainstorms, when excessive inflow and infiltration enters the sewer, the mainline sanitary sewer may surcharge creating a higher hydraulic grade line causing sanitary sewerage to back-ups into homes. Overhead sewers (with pumped discharge capabilities for the basement level of the home) significantly reduce the frequency of such wet weather back-ups. It is recognized, however, that retrofitting plumbing systems is expensive which discourages many homeowners from taking corrective action.

The Sewer Service Grant Program is designed to encourage more homeowners to take action resulting in fewer back-ups enhancing the quality of life for the resident. While overhead sewers provide greater protection from backups, lower cost alternatives such as a gate valve or flap valve installation will also be considered for this program. Homeowners should recognize that these alternatives come with increased risk of damage from backups and may involve more maintenance or operation during a rain event.

As part of an overhead sewer installation, storm water sources (Clearwater) such as sump pump discharges, footing drain tiles, window wells and downspouts should be separated from the sanitary sewer and discharged to the surface, through a sump pump if necessary.

#### **Procedures/Guidelines**

- A. Interested homeowners who can show evidence of sewer back-ups submit a grant application to the Public Works – Utilities Division for evaluation and approval.
- B. Approved applicants obtain Village of Bloomingdale plumbing permit; and electrical permit (if applicable) and pay applicable fees.
- C. Applicant installs overhead sewer system, gate valves, flap valves or other suitable systems using their own contractor.
- D. Upon completion of the work and receipt of a final inspection by the Village, the applicant will be reimbursed for 50% of the overhead sewer system; gate valve, flap valve or other suitable system costs not to exceed \$5,000.00.
- E. The funds available for this program shall be identified in the annual Utilities Maintenance Expenditure Plan.
- F. Only one grant award will be made per address.
- G. Upon completion of the initial construction installation all future system maintenance, repair and replacement is the responsibility of the resident.

**Reimbursement Request**

Upon receipt of required documentation, Public Works - Utilities Division Staff will complete and submit to the Finance Director a reimbursement request in the form of a Purchase Approval which will be placed on the next available regular payment directive for approval by the Board of Trustees. Generally participants can expect to receive reimbursement payment within 4 to 6 weeks of submitting all required documentation.

**Availability of Funds / Budget Limitations**

Approval of Reimbursement Applications is subject to availability of funds based on the Annual Budget approved by the Board of Trustees. The Village reserves the right to suspend or limit this program without notice.

**Questions / Additional Information**

Prior to completing the application please contact Public Works – Utilities Division at 630-671-5830.

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**Application Form**

<b>Part 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION</b>		Today's date: _____/_____/_____
Name: _____	Phone (day) _____	(evening) _____
Address: _____		Bloomington, IL 60108
Date you moved into this home: Month _____	Year _____	Are you the owner? _____

<b>Part 2 - EVIDENCE OF SEWAGE BACKUPS</b>	
How many sewage backups were there at this home in the last 12 months: _____	
How many sewage backups since you moved into this home? _____ When _____	
What caused the backups (if known)? _____	
<b><i>Please attach photos, statements, plumbing inspections, or any other evidence that this home has experienced sewage backups. The Village of Bloomington may require that a house inspection be performed prior to grant approval:</i></b>	
The included information is true to the best of my knowledge: _____	
Signature of Applicant	

<b>Part 3 - COST ESTIMATE</b>	
Attach plumbing contractor's proposal. We suggest at least two (2) estimates be obtained. The cost estimate for the proposed work is \$ _____.	

<b>Part 4 - GRANT APPROVAL</b>		
Approved for 50% of system costs not to exceed \$5,000.00.		
_____/_____/_____	_____/_____/_____	_____/_____/_____
Signature of Public Works Official	Print Name	Date

<b>Part 5 - PERMITS</b>		
Plumbing permit, electrical permit as needed has been issued by Building & Zoning Department and fees waived per Village Board direction. <b>Attach copies of permits</b>		
_____/_____/_____	_____/_____/_____	_____/_____/_____
Building & Zoning Dept.	Print Name	Date
_____/_____/_____	_____/_____/_____	_____/_____/_____
Engineering Dept.	Print Name	Date

<b>Part 6 - CERTIFICATION OF FINAL INSPECTION</b>		
_____/_____/_____	_____/_____/_____	_____/_____/_____
Building & Zoning Dept.	Print Name	Date
_____/_____/_____	_____/_____/_____	_____/_____/_____
Engineering Dept.	Print Name	Date

<b>Part 7 - COMPLETION OF PROJECT AND REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT</b>		
The plumbing work is finished to my complete satisfaction and I am requesting reimbursement for the approved grant amount. The final project cost was \$ _____.		
<b>Attach documentation</b>		
_____/_____/_____	_____/_____/_____	_____/_____/_____
Signature of Applicant	Print Name	Date

<b>Part 8 - AUTHORIZATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT</b>		
The applicant is approved for reimbursement in the amount of \$ _____ for overhead sewer system work performed in accordance with the Overhead Sewer Service Grant Program.		
_____/_____/_____	_____/_____/_____	_____/_____/_____
Signature of Public Works Official	Print Name	Date