



Factsheet: Sewer Backflow Prevention

There are actions you can take to protect your family and keep your property losses to a minimum.

Are You at Risk?

If and when the sewer plugs; the questions to ask yourself:

1. Will the sewer back up into my home?
2. How can I protect my home from sewer backups?

What You Can Do

One solution for protecting your house from sewage backups is to install backflow valves, which are designed to block drain pipes temporarily and prevent flow into the house. Backflow valves are available in a variety of designs that range from the simple to the complex. The figure shows a flap valve, one of simple designs. It provides a seal, but must be maintained to maintain its effectiveness. Among the simpler valves are flap or check valves, which open to allow flow out of the house but close when the flow reverses. These valves operate automatically but do not provide as strong a seal as a gate valve.



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