



Merrillville Conservancy District (MCD)

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Sewage Backflow Preventer Valve Program (SBPVP)

The Merrillville Conservancy District (MCD) is taking proactive measures to reduce the possibility of sanitary sewer backups into private properties. The District is continuing to address these issues through an aggressive sanitary sewer maintenance and rehabilitation program. However, despite these efforts, a portion of inflow and infiltration originates from deteriorated, privately owned residential sewer laterals and related defects, ie sump pump connections into the sanitary sewer, yard drains, window well drains, etc . Therefore the District is offering a sewage backflow preventer valve program to be implemented as part of the District's ongoing efforts to assist residents in reducing the likelihood of sanitary sewer backups.



MCD understands the cost burden put on the property owner to install a clean check valve on their privately owned lateral sewer lines. Therefore, MCD is willing to help the property owner financially by **reimbursing the freeholder (customer of MCD) up to 50% of the cost or a maximum of \$3,000, whichever is less**, for installing a sewage backflow preventer valve on their property. The homeowner will be responsible for any cost over MCD's maximum contribution of \$3,000. This only applies to the MCD customers that are in good standing with MCD.

Program Details

- A reimbursement will be offered to freeholders that are in good standing and have no past due bills or liens.
- Items included for the reimbursement are for the installation of the sewage backflow preventer valve and for the restoration associated with the installation.
- All work must be completed by a licensed plumbing contractor.
- Reimbursements are offered to residential properties that have the current Town of Merrillville residential zoning of R1 and R2 zoning.
- Reimbursements are available on a **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS** until funds are exhausted.
- If the funds are exhausted, the homeowner is welcome to apply the following fiscal year, if MCD is still offering the incentive.
- The homeowner is responsible for any future maintenance and or replacement costs.
- Freeholders are eligible for one award per freeholder name and freeholder address.
- All applications must be submitted by the property owners.
- MCD does not guarantee that the installation of the sewage backflow preventer valve will eliminate sanitary sewer backups.
- The freeholder must recognize that certain maintenance operations must be performed by the freeholder to ensure proper operation of the check valve.

TIME LINE – Sewage Backflow Preventer Valve Program Owner submits completed Application and including a quote from a licensed contractor.

- District may perform an inspection, if needed, in a timely manner.
- District determines if the sewage backflow preventer valve can be installed.
- District issues a Notice of Eligibility or Non-eligibility (within 3 working days).

- If Owner receives a Notice of Eligibility, the Owner must hire a licensed plumber to complete the work
- Owner must obtain all permits from the governing bodies.
- The Owner will schedule the sewage backflow preventer valve installation.
- The Owner must notify MCD prior to any work occurring to inspect the installation prior to backfilling the sewage backflow preventer valve.
- Owner must complete the work within six months of approval from MCD, otherwise owner releases all rights to MCD funding.
- The owner will pay their financial share of the contract to the licensed plumber for the completed work and provide proof of payment.
- MCD will reimburse the freeholder up to 50% of the cost or a maximum of \$3,000, whichever is less after the project is inspected by MCD.



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Freeholder Property Owner Name: _____

Freeholder Mailing Address _____

Freeholder Owner's Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Property Address of the requested Improvement: _____

Total Project Cost: _\$_____ Request Amount for MCD funding: _\$_____

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50% of the cost or a maximum of \$3,000, whichever is less

Pursuant to the Merrillville Conservancy District (MCD) Sewage Backflow Preventer Valve (SBPVP) for qualifying freeholders' building sewers, I (freeholder) hereby request and consent to MCD and its authorized agents, contractors, staff, and representatives entering my property to inspect it for a possible Sewage Backflow Preventer Valve installation. I understand that the intent of the program is to provide funding for modifications to my sanitary sewer service line to reduce the possibility of sanitary sewer backup. **I understand that MCD does not guarantee that the installation of the sewage backflow preventer valve will eliminate sanitary sewer backup and that certain maintenance operations must be performed by the freeholder to ensure proper operation of the check valve.**

I ATTEST UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ME IS TRUE AND ACCURATE.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name of Freeholder: _____

District Approval Date: _____

District Authorized Signature: _____