

Basement Flooding Grant Program New Ownership of a Sewage Check Valve

While the check valve is shut, you should minimize water use inside the house, because it temporarily has no place to go. A source of water that you must account for is drainage from footer tiles. Footer tiles surround your foundation and collect ground water. The groundwater can be removed with a sump pump. In the absence of a sump pump, the ground water should be prevented from entering the basement by some means such as a flood-guard in the floor drain. After the flooding conditions have passed, the check valve will automatically open up again and you can resume normal water use.

A sewage check valve needs some maintenance to work properly. The maintenance is preventative, and you should not wait for a sewer backup to occur before maintaining it. The manufacturer of the valve and the installation company will recommend a maintenance schedule.

Maintenance involves opening the lid, looking inside, cleaning if necessary, and securing all parts back in place. This maintenance check can be performed by you or by the installation company. If your valve was installed outside your home, it is made by Clean Check, Inc. They have a maintenance guide online: http://www.cleanccheck.net/homeowners_installation.htm
Document the model of your valve in case you need to replace the flapper in the future.

Whenever you get your sewer line cleaned, the cleaner must know about the valve to avoid damaging it. Post a notice such as this one near the sewer clean-out in the basement.

CAUTION – SEWER CLEANER

This sewer line includes a backflow-valve. Sewer cleaning
equipment can damage the valve.

Before cleaning this sewer line, inspect the valve and remove the
flapper or other parts before cleaning.

There may also be another cleanout located near the backflow valve.

Valve Location: _____

Valve Make/Model: _____

Company who installed: _____

Date of Installation: _____



Cut out this sign, laminate, and hang where a sewer cleaner will see it.

