

Sanitary Engineering Department

Backflow Control Reimbursement Program

For Customers of the Mahoning County Sanitary Engineering Department

What is the Backflow Control Program?

In 2019, Mahoning County Commissioners updated the program to include increases for reimbursements to property owners. Property owners are required to install the backflow device and remove any clear water source (footer drains, downspouts) from the sanitary sewer. In some cases the work involves the installation of a sump pump. Eligible property owners may receive up to \$3,600.00 for this work.

Who is Eligible to Participate in the Program?

If your sanitary sewer service is provided by the Mahoning County Sanitary Engineering Department you are eligible to participate in the program. If you are not sure if you are a customer of the Mahoning County Sanitary Engineering Department, contact the Business Office at 330-793-5514, Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 3:00 PM.

I meet the eligibility requirements now what?

MCSSED customers are asked to read the following carefully to avoid delays in obtaining the reimbursement for expenses and to insure the proper equipment is installed.

REQUIREMENTS OF THE SANITARY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

1. If you are eligible and to qualify for the 60% reimbursement up to a maximum of \$3,600.00, a gate valve and sump pump or alternative system shall be installed. The removal of the footer drains from the sanitary sewer shall be completed prior to reimbursement. Eligible properties with an existing sump pump will be *inspected prior to reimbursement for an installed gate valve.

See requirements of Mahoning County Public Health Department (Formerly Board of Health)

2. To obtain reimbursement for costs to have the footer drains removed from the sanitary sewer, sump pump installed and gate valve or alternative system placed on the sanitary sewer lateral, eligible home/property owner(s) are to obtain at **least two (2) estimates** from master plumbers or other Mahoning County Approved contractors. Residents contacting businesses to do the work should inquire as to experience in performing the work to be done.

***Homeowners performing work on their property will not be reimbursed for any labor costs**

See requirements of Mahoning County Public Health Department (Formerly Board of Health)

3. When all work is completed, eligible home/property owner(s) shall provide Mahoning County proof of payment to the contractor for work performed. **Before** reimbursement of **sixty percent (60%)** of cost up to a **maximum of \$3,600.00** is paid by this department, the homeowner/property owner **shall sign a statement releasing** the County from all liability in connection with the work or proper operation of the gate valve and sump pump or alternative system.

***REQUIREMENTS OF THE MAHONING COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH (FORMERLY BOARD OF HEALTH)**

1. Work shall be performed by a master plumber*. Note: While the Mahoning County Public Health Department requires the work to be performed by a master plumber, property owners/homeowners are permitted to work on their own property and shall obtain all necessary permits prior to beginning work.
2. The work shall be properly performed and meet all Mahoning County Public Health Department requirements.
3. Permits must be obtained from the Mahoning County Public Health Department for the sump pump installation, gate valve or alternative system general inspection of work (60% reimbursement from this department). Homeowners having work done prior to this notice are to contact Mahoning County Public Health Department for permit if the permit was not originally obtained.
4. The Mahoning County Public Health Department must inspect the work prior to completion of work, i.e., the covering of piping. If the work has been previously completed and a reimbursement for costs is requested, the homeowner/property owners should contact the Board of Health to see if an inspection of work was done at this time of performance. If the work has not been inspected by the Mahoning County Public Health Department, inspection of the existing sump pump and gate valve or alternative system shall be made prior to reimbursement.

***The Mahoning County Public Health Department (Formerly Board of Health) maintains a list of Master Plumbers please contact them at (330)270-2855 for this list to perform the work.**

The steps outlined above are intended to allow eligible property owners to proceed with the work and insure reimbursement of **sixty percent (60%)** of the cost to a **maximum of \$3,600.00** by the Sanitary Engineering Department. Eligible property owners may proceed with the work and do not need to contact this office prior to the work. The steps outlined above provide the guidance necessary. Once work is complete, and costs are paid by the eligible property owner, documentation may then be submitted to the department for Homeowner reimbursement. Actual paid receipts are **required** by our office.

Eligible property owner/homeowners having completed the work and having submitted invoices may be contacted for items described above and not previously received.

Reimbursement through this program will be made in sixty (60) to ninety (90) days from receipt of all required documents.

Any question may be directed to this office at (330)793-5514, Monday – Friday, 8AM-3PM.

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