



FLAGG CREEK WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT

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FLAGG CREEK WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT HAS INITIATED A PROGRAM TO FINANCIALLY ASSIST PROPERTY OWNERS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED BASEMENT BACKUPS WHEN THE SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM IS SURCHARGED

During periods of heavy rains stormwater finds its way into the FCWRD sewage collection system due to leaks in homeowners' sewer service laterals, downspout connections, building footing drain connections and other sources of improper inflow and infiltration (I & I). The FCWRD sewage collection system was designed to handle only sanitary sewage flow from our customers. Stormwater that enters our collection system can overwhelm the flow capacities of our sewers and on occasion result in basement backups. Property owners can make improvements to their plumbing system or private sewer lateral which can reduce or potentially eliminate the chance of a basement sewer backup when the collection system is surcharged. FCWRD has adopted a financial assistance program that property owners experiencing these types of problems may be able to take advantage of. In general, property owners should be aware of the following:

- There are a range of improvements that can be made by a property owner that vary in cost and in levels of protection.
- The simplest device would be the installation of a check valve that may cost as little as \$1,000 - \$2,000.
- FCWRD will reimburse an Owner up to \$4,000 or 50% of the cost, whichever is less, of installing an approved backflow prevention device or overhead sewer.
- FCWRD is able to provide a list of approximately 4-5 licensed and bonded plumbing/sewer contractors who have a history of providing quality, reasonably priced work.
- Any decisions regarding which improvements should be made and the level of protection that will be afforded should be made between the property owner and their contractor after the plumbing and sewer system has been thoroughly reviewed and analyzed.
- FCWRD has an informational package available that provides a description of the Program, our requirements, an application, and an agreement form.

If you are interested in this Program and would like to receive our informational package please contact us at 630-323-3299, Ext. 6101.