

Sanitary backwater valve rebate application



To help reduce the cost of installing a sanitary backwater valve, Peel Region offers a **60% rebate on the invoiced amount, up to a maximum of \$1,500.00** (including tax).

Applying for a sanitary backwater valve (BWV) rebate

1. Review the program eligibility requirements.
2. Discuss backwater valve options with your licensed contractor to learn what is best for your property.
3. Before installing a sanitary backwater valve, apply for a building permit from your local municipality:

City of Brampton: [Brampton backwater valve building permit](#)

City of Mississauga: [Mississauga backwater valve building permit](#)

Town of Caledon: [Caledon backwater valve building permit](#)

4. Once your backwater valve is installed, get a building permit inspection approval from a municipal inspector.
5. Complete and submit your sanitary backwater valve rebate application form and supporting documents. Review the checklist included in Section B of the application form to ensure you have completed all application steps and are submitting all required documents.

There are 3 options available for completing and submitting a rebate application:

- **Email:** Download, complete, and save the PDF application form. Email your completed application file and all required documents to publicworkscustserv@peelregion.ca.
- **Scan and email:** Print and complete a hard copy of the rebate application form. Scan the completed application form and all other required documents, and email them to publicworkscustserv@peelregion.ca.
- **Mail-in:** Print and complete a hard copy of the rebate application form. Mail the completed application and all required documents to:

Backwater Valve Rebate Program
2 Copper Road
Brampton, ON L6T 4W5

Next steps

- Your application will be reviewed and processed within 5 business days of receipt.
- Once approved, a cheque will be mailed to you within 4 to 6 weeks.

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Section A: Applicant information

Property where a backwater valve is installed:

Address: _____

Location: Brampton Mississauga Caledon **Postal code:**

Owner's information:

Property owner(s) name:

Address (if different from above):

Location: Brampton Mississauga Caledon **Postal code:**

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

Section B: Confirmation of BWV eligibility requirements

Insert a checkmark (✓) to confirm that you (the applicant) have met each of the eligibility requirements of the
backwater valve rebate program:

The applicant has consulted with a licensed contractor and confirmed that a sanitary backwater valve is appropriate for the property.

A backwater valve is installed on the sanitary pipe (lateral) that serves only one dwelling unit. (Multi-unit dwellings or basement apartments sharing a sewer lateral will not be eligible because installing a backwater valve on such types of dwellings does not meet the Ontario Building Code.)

The sanitary backwater valve is installed by a qualified and licensed contractor.

The sanitary backwater valve is installed at a residential property within Peel Region after July 16, 2024.

The applicant is an individual, not a corporation or other business entity.

The applicant has obtained a sanitary backwater valve building permit from their local municipality (City of Brampton, City of Mississauga or Town of Caledon).

The sanitary backwater valve installation has passed inspection by a municipal building inspector (City of Brampton, City of Mississauga or Town of Caledon).

A previous backwater valve rebate has not been issued to this residence within the last 10 years.

The applicant has reviewed the **Terms and Conditions** included in this application and signed Section C.

The applicant has disconnected all downspouts to reduce the risk of basement flooding or has signed Section D, **Acknowledgement and Release by owner** for any remaining connected downspouts on the residential property.

The applicant has included the following documents with the application:

The completed application form (Sections A, B, C and D).

Original or a copy of the building permit from the City of Brampton, City of Mississauga, or Town of Caledon for installing the sanitary backwater valve.

Original or copy of the paid invoice from the contractor performing the work, which includes:

- I. Licensed contractor name or company completing the work.
- II. Details of the work completed (including confirmation that the valve is connected to the sanitary lateral), and specific costs (e.g. cost of valve, cost of installation, permit, taxes).

Make sure you keep a copy of the application and documents for your records.

Applications will **NOT** be reviewed unless all required documents and signatures are included with your email or mail-in submission.

Peel Region may deny any rebate application that does not meet the eligibility requirements.

Visit [Backwater valve rebate - peelregion.ca](https://www.peelregion.ca/backwater_valve_rebate/) for details regarding Peel Region’s backwater valve rebate program.

If you have questions regarding eligibility (or if you installed a backwater valve before July 16, 2024), email Peel Region at publicworkscustserv@peelregion.ca or call **905-791-7800 ext.4409**.

Section C: Agreement and signature: Terms and Conditions

I have read, understood, and agree to the **Terms and Conditions** of the sanitary backwater valve rebate program included with this application form.

Owner’s name (print): _____

Date: _____ **Owner’s signature:** _____

Section D: Downspout Acknowledgement and Release by owner
To be completed by the owner only if any or all downspouts on the residential property remain connected.

It is strongly recommended that all downspouts be disconnected from Peel Region’s sanitary sewer system to reduce the risk of basement flooding. If the applicant chooses **not** to disconnect downspouts on the residential property, the applicant must sign the **Acknowledgement and Release Form** to be eligible for the backwater valve rebate.

Release of liability when all downspouts are NOT disconnected, and a backwater valve is installed.

I, _____, residential property owner of _____
(the “property”), acknowledge that I am unable or unwilling to disconnect one or more of the downspouts located on my property from the sewer system. I have installed a backwater valve. I understand that if the valve is in a closed position, I may be at risk of basement flooding from sources of water other than those that come into my home from the sanitary sewer at the street. During a storm or a high-water event, my basement may flood with water from any remaining connected downspouts. I accept this risk and release Peel Region from any direct or indirect liability for any property damage or personal injury, in connection with any flooding of my home because of my decision not to disconnect one or more of the downspouts located on my property.

Date: _____

Owner’s name (print): (Must be over 18 years of age)	Owner’s signature:
_____	_____

Signed in the presence of:

Witness’s name (print): (Must be over 18 years of age)	Witness’s signature:
_____	_____

Your application will NOT be processed if a witness signature and name are not provided when all the downspouts have not been disconnected.

Notice with respect to the collection of personal information

Personal information is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.56 ("MFIPPA") and will be retained, used, disclosed and disposed of in accordance with all applicable municipal, federal and provincial laws and regulations governing the collection, retention, use, disclosure and disposal of information, including MFIPPA. Information will be used for the purpose of processing the rebate application and verifying compliance with the Program. Any questions regarding this collection may be directed to Public Works Customer Service at 905-791-7800 ext. 4409 to be forwarded to an appropriate staff member.

Terms and conditions

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

In consideration of receiving the rebate under the Sanitary Backwater Valve Rebate Program (the "Program") from The Regional Municipality of Peel ("Peel Region"), to the Owner (as defined below), the Owner acknowledges and agrees to the following:

Definitions:

1. **"Completed Work"** is defined as Work that is fully functional and acceptable under industry standard. The Work is only deemed 'Complete' upon meeting Ontario Building Code Standards and passing an inspection by the Municipality.
2. **"Contractor"** is defined as a qualified contractor retained by the Owner (as defined below) to complete the required Work on the residential property. For example, a licensed plumber or drain contractor.
3. **"Municipality"** is defined as the municipality in which the residential property receiving the benefit of the Work is located (i.e. City of Brampton, the City of Mississauga or the Town of Caledon).
4. **"Owner"** is defined as the applicant(s) to the Program and the registered owner(s) of the residential property where the Work is to be completed.
5. **"Regional Representative"** is defined as a Peel Region employee, or a contractor or a consultant hired by and representing Peel (for the purposes of evaluating and administering applications or inquiries under the Program).
6. **"Work"** is defined as including:
 - a. Owner determining the need for the backwater valve and its installation point. This may include an investigation of the residential property's plumbing by a Contractor to verify that the installation of a sanitary backwater valve is appropriate and to determine the appropriate model and placement;
 - b. Disconnection of all downspouts on the residential property from the sewer system(s) unless the "Acknowledgement and Release By Owner" has been signed by the Owner regarding any or all downspouts that remain connected on the residential property;
 - c. Obtaining a building permit from the Municipality for installation of a sanitary backwater valve;
 - d. Installation of a sanitary backwater valve on the sanitary sewer pipe; and
 - e. Inspection and sign off by a building inspector from the Municipality to assure that the sanitary backwater valve installation was done correctly.

The Owner's Obligations:

7. The Owner understands that installation of a sanitary backwater valve may not be appropriate for all homes and shall conduct a plumbing investigation on the residential property to identify all connections where wastewater or water can enter the system. The non-wastewater connections identified should be mitigated to avoid potential instances of self- flooding during storm or high-water events.

8. The Work performed on the residential property is to be coordinated and completed at the Owner's sole discretion. All costs for the performance of the Work shall be at the Owner's sole cost and expense. Applicable rebates, if any, will occur after the Work is declared complete and has been verified by Peel Region, with all Program requirements being met.
9. The Owner, is solely responsible for the on-going operation and maintenance of all equipment installed as part of the Work and shall notify any subsequent owners upon the sale of the residential property of the maintenance obligations. If plugged or blocked weeping tiles, foundation drains, and/or private side sewer laterals are discovered upon excavation for installation of the sanitary backwater valve, the Owner should undertake remedial action at their sole cost and expense. The Owner acknowledges that these may pose an increased risk of self-flooding if not rectified before the backwater valve is installed.
10. All downspouts on the residential property must be disconnected from the sewer system(s). The Owner must ensure the disconnection meets the Municipality conditions or by-laws.
11. If for any reason the owner determines that one or more downspouts cannot be disconnected, the "Acknowledgement and Release By Owner" must be signed. **Peel Region strongly recommends that Owners disconnect all downspouts on their residential property as failure to do so, may lead to an increased risk of self-flooding if not addressed before the installation of the sanitary backwater valve.**
12. If the Owner agrees to disconnect the downspouts, they shall follow the Municipality's by-laws for completion and ensure the following additional recommendations for downspout disconnection have been considered:
 - a. The ground surface is graded at a minimum 2% slope away from the house;
 - b. Flow from disconnected downspouts does not negatively impact any neighbouring property; and
 - c. Flow from the disconnected downspouts should discharge to permeable surfaces (i.e. grass and not a driveway) to avoid creating a hazardous situation or slip and fall risks for which the applicant may be held responsible.

If these recommended criteria cannot be met, then the Owner may determine it necessary to consult with a Contractor to determine alternative options for rerouting downspouts to achieve disconnection and/or downspout disconnection may not be feasible.
13. The Owner acknowledges that installation of a sanitary backwater valve is not a guarantee that future flooding will not occur on the residential property. During a storm or high-water event, the basement may flood with sewage from the Owner/tenant if they continue to use water within the residential property when the backwater valve is closed. The basement may also flood with water from the weeping tiles or high ground water if there are connections within the underground piping or from overland flow.

Qualifications:

14. To qualify for a rebate, the residential property must not have received any previous rebates from Peel Region under the Sanitary Backwater Valve Rebate Program within the past 10 years.
15. To qualify for the maximum rebate of \$1,500.00 per property, the Owner needs to have installed by a Contractor, the backwater valve to their one dwelling unit on the residential property within Peel region, after July 16, 2024.

Peel Region's Obligations and Rights:

16. Peel Region's approval to grant a rebate, for the Work arising from the Owner's decision to install a sanitary backwater valve, shall not be considered in any way an admission on the part of Peel Region of liability or responsibility for past or future backups of Peel Region's sanitary sewer system.
17. Access to the residential property is required by Peel Region or the Regional Representatives in order to complete the verifications as noted above. The Owner agrees to co-operate with Peel Region and/or the Regional Representatives to provide reasonable access to the residential property.

18. Distribution of rebate funding is on a first-come, first-served basis. Rebate funding is limited and will only be distributed while funds last.
19. Peel Region may deny any application that does not meet the requirements set out herein at its sole discretion.
20. Peel Region reserves the right to cancel, suspend or alter the Program at any time or refuse, in its sole discretion, all further applications.
21. The Owner agrees to refund such rebate to Peel Region on request, if their Application is discovered to contain any material misstatement or misrepresentation or if the Owner breaches any of the terms or conditions above.

The Owner shall indemnify and hold harmless Peel Region and Regional Representatives against all liability, loss, costs, claims, damages, and expenses, causes of action, actions, claims, demands, lawsuits and other proceedings, by whomever made, sustained, brought or prosecuted, including third-party bodily injury, death, personal injury, and property damage, in any way based upon, occasioned by or attributable to the Owner's participation in this Program or as a result of the Work performed by the Contractor.