

SEWER BACKFLOW CHECK VALVES POLICY
CITY OF WINSTED, MINNESOTA



On occasion, the City of Winsted may purchase and install a sewer backflow check valve (“check valve”) at certain properties for the purpose of preventing sanitary sewer backups. In general, this action will be reserved for properties that have had multiple and/or severe sanitary sewer backups.

The City may recommend this action to a property owner or the request for a check valve may come from a property owner. The determination of which properties qualify for a City-provided check valve will be made by the City on a case-by-case basis. Items to be considered include, but are not limited to:

- The number and severity of sanitary sewer backups that have occurred at the property.
- The cause of the sewer back up and the location of any blockages.
- The type of building and contents of the building located on the property.
- Pending sanitary sewer system improvements that would improve service to the property.
- Sanitary sewer system improvements that have already taken place to improve service to the property.

Before a check valve will be provided, both the City and the property owner must enter into an agreement regarding the purchase, installation and follow up care for a check valve.

The City may hire a contractor to carry out the installation of a check valve.

The purchase and installation of a check valve for one property does not entitle another property owner to the same service. Neither this policy nor the practice described herein confers rights on another property owner.

The City will evaluate this policy and practice on an ongoing basis and may discontinue the provision of check valves to property owners at any time.

Adopted by the City Council this 15th day of October, 2019.

Steve Stotko, Mayor

Attest:

Raquel Kirchoff, City Clerk-Treasurer