

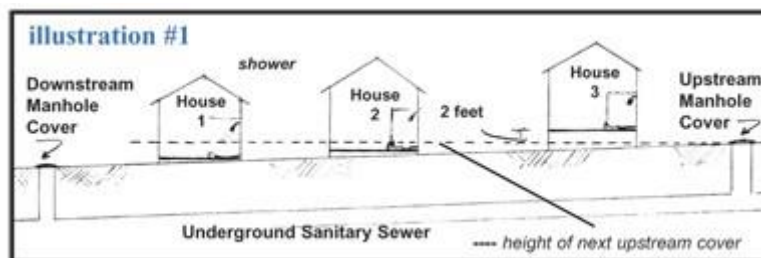


ALERT TO CUSTOMERS REQUIRING “BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICES”

This is to inform you about the requirement for Backflow Prevention Devices located in Section 710.1 of the Uniform Plumbing Code (U.P.C.) which states:

“Drainage piping serving fixtures which have flood level rims located below the elevation of the next upstream manhole cover of the public or private sewer serving such drainage piping **shall** be protected from backflow of sewage by installing an approved type of backwater valve. Fixtures above such elevation shall not discharge through the backwater valve.”

(Refer to Illustration #1)

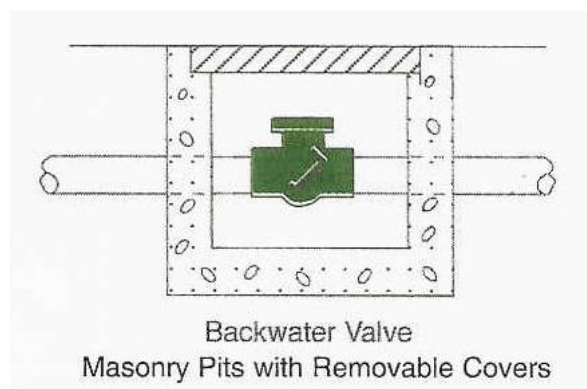


“The intent of Section 710.1 is to protect the building interior from mainline sewer overflow or surcharge.”

There are a variety of Backwater Valves (pictures below) on the market and they can be purchased from plumbing Distributors.



U.P.C. 710.6 states “Backwater valves shall be located where they will be accessible for inspection and repair at all times and, unless continuously exposed, shall be enclosed in a masonry pit fitted with an adequately sized removable cover.” (Reference Picture below)



If your home meets the requirement of 710.1 one must be installed. Additional permitting may be required by your local Administrative Authority (City of Menlo Park, Town of Atherton, Town of Portola Valley and unincorporated San Mateo County).

The WBSD requires the installation of an “Overflow Relief Valve” at the conforming property line cleanout and that the Backflow device is located behind the conforming cleanout.

Should you have any questions or require additional information I can be reached at 650-321-0384.

Very truly yours,

West Bay Sanitary District

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