

City of Oelwein Backflow Assistance Program

The City of Oelwein has created the Oelwein Backflow Assistance Program (OBAP) to support homeowners with the cost of installing a sanitary sewer backflow prevention device. This program is intended to reduce the impact of sewer backups in properties where risk is high due to the condition of city-owned sanitary mains, as identified by the Public Works Department.

City Procedures:

- The City requires all new sewer lateral installations to include a properly installed and approved backflow device.
- Public Works identifies homes at risk for sewer backups.
- The homeowner contacts a licensed plumber to install the backflow prevention device.
- The device and installation are subject to approval by the Public Works Director or their designee.
- The plumber submits an invoice to the city.
- The City Treasurer processes payment and tracks the activity of the program.

Policy Guidelines:

- The city owns the sanitary sewer main; the homeowner is responsible for the sewer lateral up to and including the connection to the city main.
- The program offers up to \$2,000.00 per eligible home for backflow device installation, based on available funds.
- Only homes deemed at risk of city-caused sewer backups by Public Works will be eligible.

City Rules and Regulations:

- The home must be owner-occupied and zoned residential.
- The property must have an active and current water/sewer account in good standing with the City of Oelwein.
- The property must have a documented history or clear potential of city-caused sewer backups.
- Installation must be completed by a licensed plumber.
- The installed device must be approved by the Public Works Director or their designee.
- To participate, the property owner must sign a full release of all claims against the City related to the sewer backup incident.

Applicant Information:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Co-Applicant Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

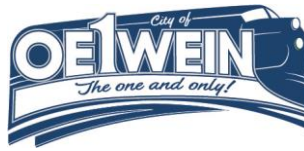
Address: _____

Previous Oelwein Address(es): _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____ Email: _____

Household Information:

Number of People in Household: _____



Have you applied for this assistance before? ☐ Yes ☐ No If so, when: _____

Have you received this assistance before? ☐ Yes ☐ No If so, when: _____

Has your property been deemed high-risk for backups by the Public Works Department?

☐ Yes ☐ No If so, when: _____

If you have not been deemed as a high-risk property but feel you ought to be, please contact the Public Works Department for an evaluation.

Reason for Assistance:

Please explain why you are requesting assistance:

Supporting Documentation:

Please attach the following required documents:

- Proof of Identity
- Proof of Address
- Any Other Relevant Documentation

Additional Information:

Please provide any additional information that may support your application:

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that providing false information may result in denial of assistance.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Co-Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____