



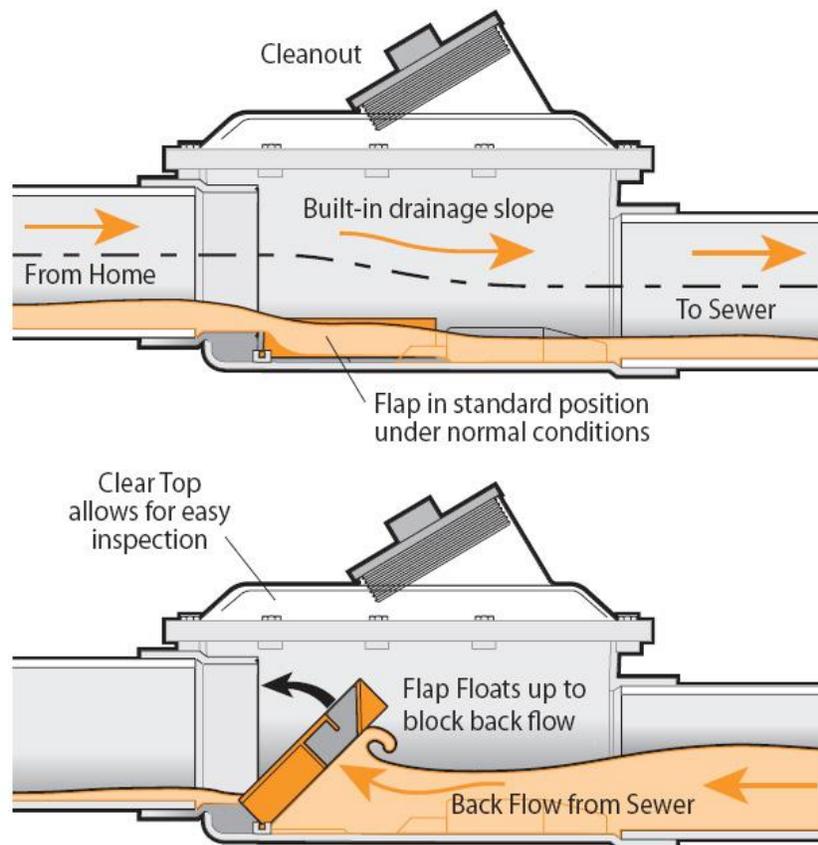
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Recommended Sewer Check Valve Purchase

A sewer check valve (sometimes called a backflow or backwater valve) is a valve you can install on your sewer line and is designed to allow water or sewage to flow only one way—out of your house. Sudden or heavy rainfall and snow melt can overwhelm sewer lines, causing water or sewage to flow back towards your home. A backwater valve prevents sewage from flowing backwards into your house during such events.

They can be installed in the initial new construction or retrofitted into existing homes. Pagosa Area Water & Sanitation District (PAWSD) highly recommends that you have a sewer check valve installed on your sewer service line.

How does a sewer check valve work?





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Your home's sewer system allows water and sewage to flow *out* of the house. A sewer check valve stops water or sewage from flowing *into* your house should the main sewer line become overloaded.

Inside the valve is a small flap that is normally open, allowing water to exit your home and any sewer gases to vent. There is a small floatation device on each side of the flap. If water or sewage starts to flow backwards into the house, the floaters cause the flap to lift-up and close, thus preventing anything from entering your home.

When the water stops coming back towards the house, gravity will allow the flap to fall into the open position again, allowing water and sewage to resume flowing out of the house.

To ensure proper functionality, ongoing cleaning and maintenance is required on the sewer check valve. The valves have a lid that you can remove for cleaning. Without a properly functioning sewer check valve, sewage could come into the house through a floor drain, sinks, tubs, and toilets.

If you wish to purchase a sewer check valve to be installed on your sewer service line, the cost of the sewer check valve is \$105.00 if purchased from PAWSD directly. PAWSD does not perform installation of the sewer check valve.

I/we will be protecting my/our sewer service line with the purchase of a sewer check valve from PAWSD, or from some other approved entity, and, further agree, to ensure that it is properly installed and maintained. PAWSD does not provide service for the cleaning and maintenance of the sewer check valve.

I/we do not wish to purchase the sewer check valve and have fully read and understand the possible risks.

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