



**City of Crown Point
Check Valve/Backflow Preventer
Distribution Program**

Summary

The City of Crown Point will make available to its residents, at no cost, a device designed to stop the reverse flow of wastewater from sanitary sewers. In order to qualify for receipt of this device, residents must first have the waste water discharge plumbing of the home inspected by a licensed plumber, who must then certify that the construction of the system is suitable for the installation of the device. The resident must also certify that the device will be used at the given address, that the installation will be undertaken in a timely manner, and that the City of Crown Point is not responsible for the functioning of the device.

Description

The device being offered is the Clean Check Extendable Backwater Valve; it consists of a PVC (plastic) housing containing a circular, hinged rubber gate or 'flapper'. The flapper is designed so that it can swing in only one direction thus allowing flow away from the house but not toward it. It is installed on the wastewater discharge pipe leading from the home to the sanitary sewer. Typically, the sanitary sewer is in the street, so the installation of the device will be in the front yard of the home. However, sometimes the sanitary sewer is in an easement in the rear of the lot. The depth of discharge pipes is variable, and some may be too deep for the installation of this device. Other factors influencing the applicability of a check valve for a given house include the material of construction of the piping and the number of sewer connections.

Procedure

Any residential property owner within the City of Crown Point, served by the City's sanitary sewer system, is eligible for the receipt of one check valve. It is recommended that the resident obtain a copy of this procedure and the accompanying forms and documents to initiate the process. They are available at the Crown Point Clerk-Treasurer's Office, and on the City's website www.crownpoint.in.gov.

Step 1. Inspection

The configuration of the wastewater discharge piping at a particular residence determines whether the installation of a check valve will be beneficial or even possible. This determination is to be made by a licensed plumber after a thorough inspection of the system. This inspection may include exploratory excavation and/or video inspection and is done at the property owner's expense. A list of licensed plumbing contractors is available through the Crown Point Clerk Treasurer's Office.

After the inspection, the plumber completes an inspection form (enclosed), a copy of which is returned to the City. If the plumber has determined that the residence is suitable for the installation of the check valve, and has so certified on the form, the property owner is eligible to receive a check valve.

Step 2. Obtaining the Check Valve

To obtain the device, the following documentation is necessary:

1. Licensed plumber's certification that the location is suitable for the check valve installation.
This is the form described in step one. It must be signed by an authorized representative of the Plumbing Contractor and certify that the location is suitable.
2. Proof of ownership/residency.
(Driver's license and water bill)
3. Notarized Waiver of Liability Form.
This form will be notarized at the time of pick-up. **DO NOT SIGN THE FORM BEFORE HAND.**

Step 3. Installation

A licensed plumbing contractor should be selected for the installation of the device. Parts other than the check valve itself will be needed for complete installation; these parts will vary from house to house.

The device is to be installed on the property, **OUTSIDE OF THE CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY.** (In general, the edge of the sidewalk farthest from the street is the end of the right-of-way. If there are any questions about right-of-way, contact the City Engineering Department at 662-3242.) The location selected for the installation of the check valve should be easily accessible since periodic inspection and maintenance of the device is required.

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Plumbing Contractor's Inspection/Certification Form

(Printed Name of Company)

(Address)

It is hereby certified by _____,
(Printed Name)

an authorized representative of the above-named licensed plumbing contractor, that the residential plumbing at the above address has been adequately inspected by me and/or other qualified employees to determine that the installation of a Rectorseal backflow preventer is practical and beneficial at said location.

(Signature)

(Date)

Please check one:

_____ 4" Check Valve

_____ 6" Check Valve

**CITY OF CROWN POINT, INDIANA
CHECK VALVE RECIPIENT WAIVER/RELEASE**

The undersigned, heirs and assigns and successors in interest in return for the receipt of one (1) Check Valve apparatus herein expressly waive all rights to any remedies or claims for damages, consequential or otherwise, which recipient, heirs and assigns or successors in interest may have by virtue of the use of said Check Valve against the City of Crown Point, Indiana and further understands the City makes no representation express, implied or otherwise nor warrants that said Check Valve is suitable for a particular purpose. The undersigned, heirs and assigns and successors in interest further agree to and understand that any remedy that may be had occasioned by the use of said Check Valve is limited to the Manufacturer's Warranty, if any, and the City makes no Warranty herein as to said Check Valve.

Name

Address

Telephone Number

Notary

Date

Please check one:

_____ 4" Check Valve

_____ 6" Check Valve

**** Bring of this form to the Crown Point Public Works Department at 705 Industrial Blvd. along with proof of ownership. This form will serve as your check valve pick up ticket.**