

# Protect Your Home!

*Basement backups can be messy, aggravating, and costly.  
Help avoid them with a **Backflow Preventer**.*

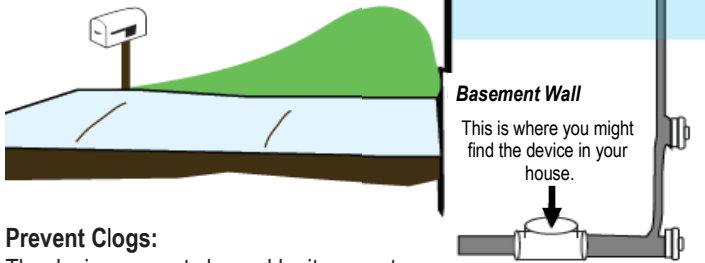
## Do You Have One?

There is a good chance your home may have one. If not, you may want to install one. But what does it look like, and where would you find it?

## Look for the Pipe:

Usually, this device is located under your basement floor, covered by a steel plate just inside the foundation wall facing the roadway. The device looks like a T-shaped pipe. A flap inside the pipe can prevent flooding happening outside your home from coming into your home. It connects your home sanitary sewer pipe to the community sewer system.

***However, if it's  
not maintained, it won't work!***



## Prevent Clogs:

The device can get clogged by items not designed to go down the drains - wipes, dental floss, diapers, toys, sanitary products, etc. The flap can get jammed open, making way for a basement backup.

NEW Water recommends inspecting and cleaning your device at least once a year, before the snow melt season. Heavy or extended periods of precipitation in conjunction with saturated ground conditions together can flood a community sewer system, causing unwanted backups into your home.

But with a properly operating device, you can help prevent messy waters from reaching your basement! (And remember: Please only flush the "3Ps": #1, #2, and toilet paper.)

**Watch our video to learn about  
Backflow Preventers, and how to "love your pipes."  
[www.newwater.us/loveyourpipes](http://www.newwater.us/loveyourpipes)**