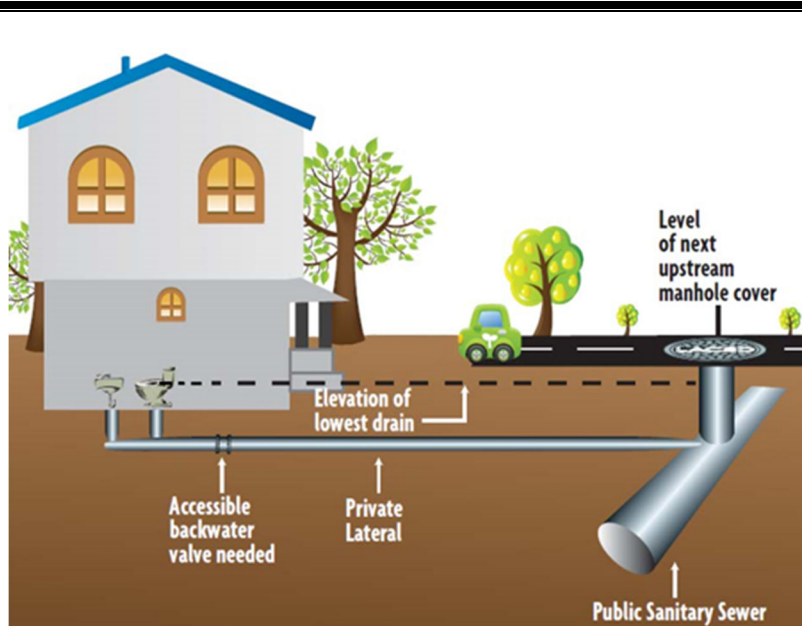
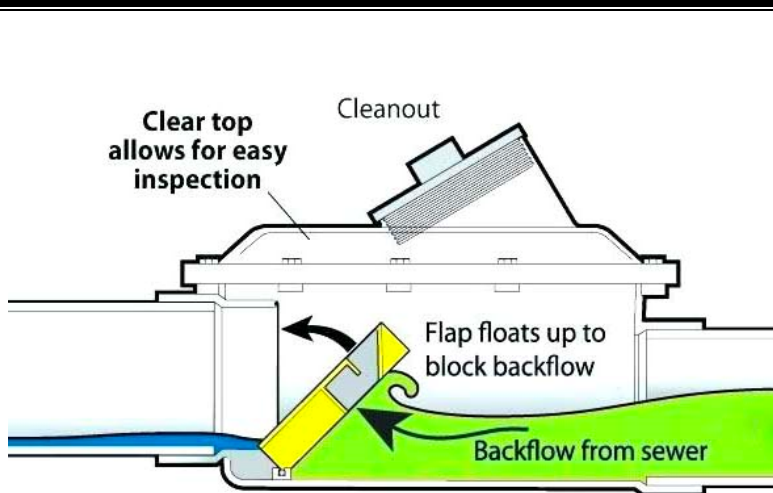


Overflow Protection by Backwater Valves



When your dwelling's existing sanitary drainage piping is configured in a way that the flood rim of a plumbing fixture in a basement or lower level is lower in elevation than the next upstream manhole in the street, there is a potential for sewage to flow out of that fixture and into your house. This may occur if there is a blockage or surcharge in the sanitary sewer main. A backwater valve can help prevent this. If this plumbing configuration is present in your home, we **highly** recommend you have one installed. Amity Township is not responsible for sewage backups within private property.



A backwater valve is a plumbing fitting that prevents the backward flow of sewage that might come from the sanitary sewer main following a blockage or surcharge. When sewage flows backwards, the flap in the backwater valve gets pushed by sewage and seals up the flow from coming back into the dwelling.



A backwater valve is typically a PVC plumbing fitting that is installed in the main sanitary sewer lateral at the end of the dwelling's drainage system and before connecting to the sanitary sewer main. They can be installed in the interior or exterior of the dwelling. Either location, they must have access to be cleaned and inspected.