

Sump Pump Cost Share Program

Background

The City of Champaign has a voluntary financial assistance program for single or multifamily residential, commercial and industrial properties within the City of Champaign for the installation or improvement of a sump pump system.

Champaign maintains two separate sewer systems. One is the storm sewer system designed to carry stormwater to receiving streams and the other is the sanitary sewer system designed to carry wastewater from homes to the Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District's interceptor sewer system. Both sewer systems initiate with each property's sanitary and storm sewer systems. Thus, the function of the City sewers are heavily impacted by the conditions of the private infrastructure. Basements in homes in the older parts of the City were typically drained by gravity connections to the City storm sewers. This type of system is highly susceptible to basement flooding from major rain events. A solution to this problem is the installation of a sump pump system to convert the basement drainage from a gravity system to a pumped system. Since there is no gravity link between the below-grade plumbing fixtures on private property and the public storm sewer system in the street, the stormwater can not back up through the plumbing fixtures located below grade into the house.

Program Details

- Available to single or multifamily residential, commercial and industrial properties within the City of Champaign.
- Footing drains, sump pumps, downspouts, storm drains, and miscellaneous connections must be removed from the sanitary sewer at the property owner's expense prior to sump pump system reimbursement.
- City inspectors may inspect the subject property prior to participation approval.
- Reimbursements will be processed upon the owner's submission of an invoice attached to a copy of the approved application form properly signed by a representative of the City Engineering Division indicating a final installation and inspection.
- Applications must be approved and signed by the City of Champaign prior to the work being done, or the City cannot participate.
- This program is administered by the City of Champaign Public Works Department Engineering Division.

Costs

- The cost shares is 75 percent of the system installation, up to a maximum cost share of \$5,250.
- The City cost share shall be based upon the lowest of at least two cost estimates.

Steps

- Schedule a basement/property inspection with City's staff.
- Obtain at least two cost estimates for the installation.
- Submit an application form with the cost estimates to the Public Works Department, attention to Environmental Department.
- The City notifies applicant of application approval.
- Applicant proceeds with installation.
- Submit invoice attached to a copy of the approved application form properly signed by a representative of the City Engineering Division indicating a final installation, inspection and payment.

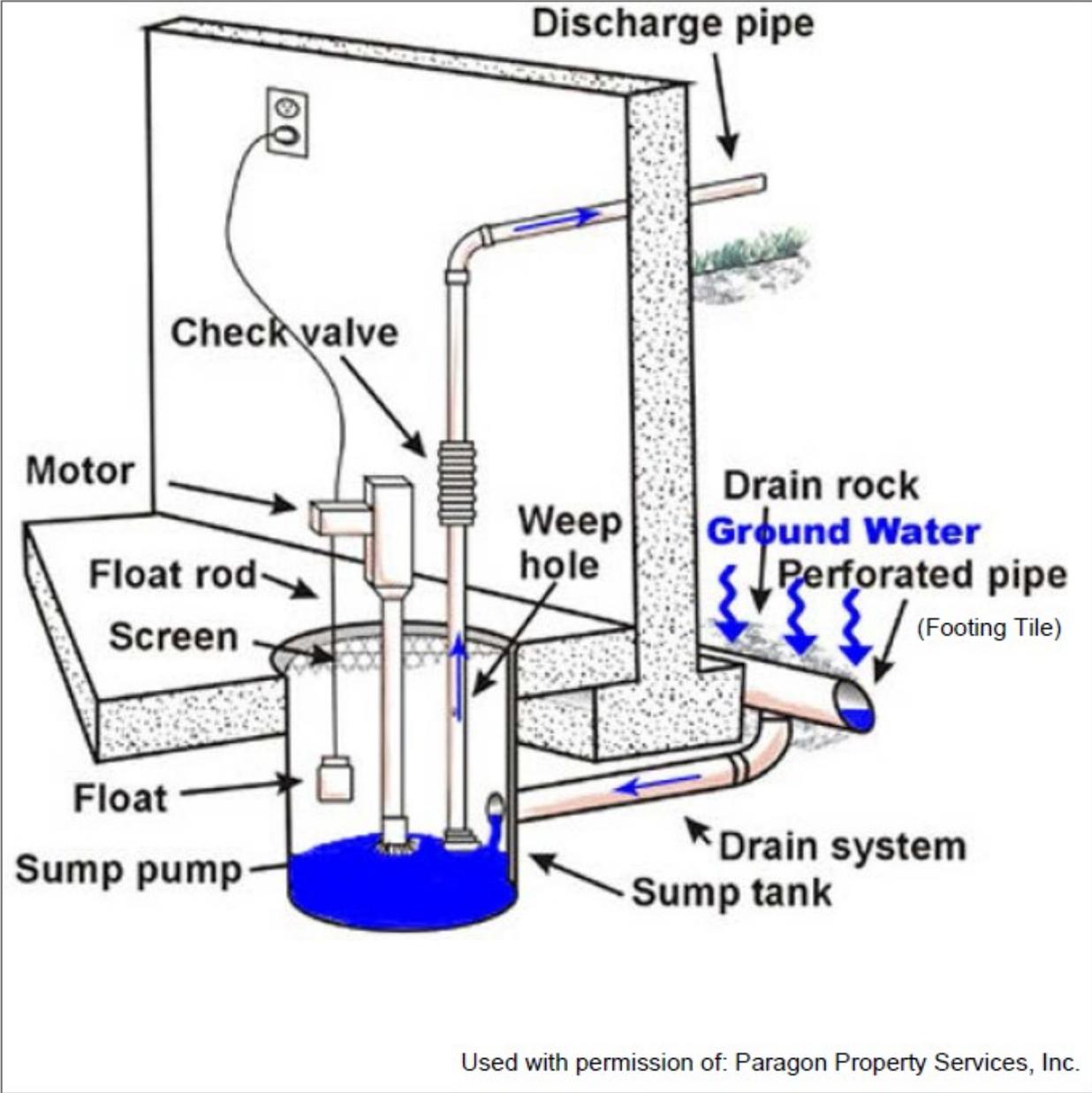


Figure 1: Typical Sump Pump Installation

APPLICATION FOR CITY SUMP PUMP COST SHARE PROGRAM

Name: _____ Address: _____

Location of Proposed Improvement _____

I hereby request participation in the City Sump Pump Cost Share Program. I understand that the cost shares apply only to the construction cost up to or equal to \$7,000. Estimates from Contractors listed below are attached, including a description of the work.

The Property Owner agrees that any Contractor performing work on this project will obtain and pay for all necessary permits required by the City of Champaign codes and ordinances.

Name of Contractor _____ Price _____

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Signature of Property Owner _____ Date _____

Complete and return to the Public Works Department, Engineering Division, 702 Edgebrook Drive, Champaign, IL 61820. If you have any questions, please call 217-403-4700.

Note: City staff will verify that the sump pump discharge is not connected to the sanitary sewer prior to approving the application. Alternatively, correction can be included in the work.

****Do Not Write Below This Line****

Sump pump discharge checked by: _____
Connection to sanitary sewer exists: YES () NO ()
If yes: Sump pump disconnection from sanitary sewer verified by: _____

Application: Approved _____ Disapproved _____

Comments:

The bid of _____ in the amount of \$ _____ is accepted. The City of Champaign will share 75% \$ _____.

Signature of City Representative: _____ Date: _____

A copy of this application will be sent to the City Plumbing Inspector upon approval.

This application must be approved and signed by an authorized agent of the City of Champaign prior to work being done, or the City of Champaign cannot participate in the cost.