



GUIDE TO THE SENIOR BASEMENT PROTECTION PROGRAM

The Senior Basement Protection provides eligible senior citizens with a financial hardship grant to assist in having a backflow prevention device installed for their primary residence in River Forest. A backflow prevention device significantly reduces the possibility of sewer backup in a basement.

There are two basic types of improvement that will be eligible for funding through this program:

- Installation of a backflow prevention valve and bypass pump in an underground vault
- Modification of basement plumbing to discharge into ejector pump (Modified Overhead Sewer)

The Senior Basement Protection program will allow the Village to provide 100% reimbursement to seniors in need of financial assistance for this program who cannot afford their share of the costs.

In order to be eligible for this program you must:

- Qualify under the current regulations for the Village's Protect Basement Program
- Be age 65 or older
- Have a total household income of \$55,000 or less for previous tax year and provide proof of income or other significant financial hardship.
- Be the owner of the property
- Use the property as principal place of residence

To apply for the program, please complete the application for the Program to Protect Basements and the Senior Basement Protection Application which includes your birthdate and household income for 2013.

Once the Village receives your application, we will review and discuss it with you. Your contractor is required to be licensed and apply for all required permits with the Village.

Please note that the grant does not cover work previously installed.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Emily Creer at (708) 714-3563.