

## Program Goals

The Pipe Check program provides residents within the MMSD service area a financial incentive to eliminate sources of clear water entering the sanitary sewer system. Excess clear water in the sanitary sewer system increases the risk for basement backups for yourself and for your neighbors during rain events.

## What is Clear Water?

Clear water is not contaminated with sanitary waste and does not require treatment at the wastewater treatment plant. Typically, clear water comes from rain runoff and groundwater. Importantly, clear water that does not enter the sanitary sewer can often times naturally re-enter the environment without adverse effects—either by soaking into the ground or flowing to a creek or river.

## What is an Approved Contractor?

An Approved Contractor has been selected through a review process, completed by MMSD, to determine that their skills and experience qualify them to participate in the program and offer their selected services. An Approved Contractor needs to be used by the homeowner to receive the financial incentives.

## Approved Contractors

Gene Wagner Plumbing Co., Inc.  
414-541-9217  
[www.genewagnerplumbing.com](http://www.genewagnerplumbing.com)

Mid City Corporation  
262-330-5858  
[www.midcitycorp.us](http://www.midcitycorp.us)

Milwaukee Plumbing &  
Piping, Inc.  
414-257-9000  
[www.milwplumbing.com](http://www.milwplumbing.com)

Mr Rooter  
262-320-4822  
[www.mrrooter.com](http://www.mrrooter.com)

For additional information on managing water on your property, see [www.mmsd.com/what-you-can-do/managing-water-on-your-property](http://www.mmsd.com/what-you-can-do/managing-water-on-your-property)

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# PIPE CHECK





## Participation Requirements

Participants must meet the following requirements to participate in the Pipe Check program:

- Property is located within the MMSD service area
- Home is an owner occupied one or two family home
- An Approved Contractor is used to complete all required work
- A Clear Water evaluation is completed by an Approved Contractor
- All work identified as being required to be completed during the Clear Water evaluation is completed
- W-9 must be filled out and submitted to MMSD. The value of the financial incentive is taxable. MMSD will provide a 1099 at the end of the year
- Participation waiver must be signed by the homeowner

## Clear Water Evaluation

Completed by an Approved Contractor, a Clear Water evaluation identifies sources of rain or groundwater entering the sanitary sewer system from private property. The maximum financial incentive available to the homeowner is based on the findings of the Clear Water evaluation.

The contractor identifies the discharge locations of existing foundation drains, sump pumps, and rain gutter downspouts. If any of these items discharge into the sanitary sewer, they will need to be disconnected and rerouted to a building code approved location.

Once the contractor identified sources of clear water are eliminated from the sanitary sewer, the homeowner qualifies for the listed financial incentives.

## How Does the Program Work?

1. Homeowner contacts an Approved Contractor
2. Approved Contractor completes a site visit and a Clear Water evaluation
3. Contractor reviews the Clear Water evaluation with the homeowner and identifies the work required to be completed to receive the financial incentives
4. If the homeowner agrees to the work, a contract is executed between the homeowner and the Approved Contractor
5. The full scope of work is completed to the satisfaction of the homeowner and the requirements of the Pipe Check program
6. The Pipe Check program pays the incentives directly to the Approved Contractor
7. The Pipe Check Approved Contractor bills the homeowner the remaining portion of the work, per the requirements of the contract
8. The homeowner pays the Approved Contractor the remaining amount due

## Financial Incentives

**Foundation Drain Disconnection** **\$1,500**  
*Install sump pump & discharge piping, disconnect foundation drain from sanitary sewer lateral, and remove existing palmer valve*

**Remove Palmer Valve, Only** **\$350**  
*Identify location of palmer valve, remove existing palmer valve, cap foundation drain, and restore site*

**Reroute Existing Sump Pump Discharge** **\$300**  
*Disconnect existing sump pump discharge piping and reroute to a building code approved location*

**New Storm Lateral, Connected to Existing Storm Sewer** **\$1,000**  
*A new storm lateral is installed from the house to an existing storm sewer.*

**Disconnect Downspouts** **\$25 each**  
*Disconnect existing gutter downspouts from sanitary sewer and reroute to discharge to yard or storm lateral (max of 4)*

**Full Lateral Replacement Without Work in Right-of-way** **\$4,000**  
*A full lateral replacement is completed via open cut or pipe bursting but no work is required to be completed within the right-of-way*

**Full Lateral Replacement With Work in Right-of-way** **\$5,000**  
*A full lateral replacement is completed via open cut or pipe bursting but work is required to be completed within the right-of-way*

**Lateral Lining** **\$1,500**  
*A cured in place pipe (CIPP) is installed in the lateral from under the home to the connection at the sanitary sewer mainline*