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**Weeping Tile Removal Assistance Program
Application Form**



Owner Last Name:		First Name:
Company Name:		
Address:	City:	Postal Code:
Tel. (Home):	Tel. (Work):	Email:
Alternate Mailing Address:		
City:		Postal Code:
Check Item	Work	Subsidy Amount
<input type="checkbox"/>	Weeping Tile Disconnection	100% up to maximum \$3000.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Backwater Valve	100% up to maximum \$500.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Weeping Tile Investigation	100% up to maximum \$400.00
RELEASE		
I hereby certify that I am the owner of the property herein and I have read and understand the program terms and conditions (back).		
Date:	Owner Signature:	

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Application Received Date:	Application No.:
Application Approval Date:	Application Expiry Date:
Subsidy Date:	Signed:

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Terms and Conditions for Subsidy Funding

1. Work is defined as either:
 - the disconnection of weeping tiles from the sanitary sewer system and/or;
 - the disconnection of a sump pump from the sanitary sewer system and/or;
 - the confirmation that no weeping tile is connected to the sanitary sewer system and/or;
 - the installation of a backwater valve.
2. A subsidy grant should not exceed \$3000.00 per property. A grant will only be awarded for the maximum amount outlined on the Approved Work Form. The Contractor must submit with their invoice to the City a copy of the original invoice or estimate if less than \$3,0000.00 for Contractor's work, labour and materials used to complete the eligible works.
3. A basement flood is defined as a backup (surcharge) of the sanitary sewer system into the basement.
4. Projects completed prior to contacting the City of Niagara Falls will not be eligible for funding.
5. To qualify for the weeping tile disconnection subsidy, the property owner must have installed a 1/3 HP submersible sump pump, a minimum 450 mm diameter X 750 mm deep sump pit, easily removable sump pump lid for maintenance, a water backup sump pump if a suitable sized water line is readily available (a backup water sump pump recommended) otherwise a battery backup sump pump with a marine battery. These are the minimum approved standards acceptable to receive the WRAP subsidy.
6. To qualify for the backwater valve, the property owner must use a Mainline Fullport Backwater Valve, as this is currently the only backwater valve approved in the Province of Ontario for home installation on the main sanitary sewer lateral. Installation of a backwater valve must be approved by the City and will be based upon previous recorded basement flooding.
7. Reimbursement will not be provided for replacing interior finishes, such as drywall, paint or flooring.
8. Reimbursement will not be provided for exterior restoration, such as landscaping, gardening, sod, trees, porches, decks, concrete or asphalt.
9. If plugged or blocked weeping tiles/foundation drains and/or private side sewer laterals are discovered upon excavation for disconnection, the Property Owner may choose to undertake remedial action; however, the City of Niagara Falls will not reimburse these costs.
10. The Property Owner must fill out and sign the appropriate application and waiver form, releasing the City of Niagara Falls from any liability resulting from Work carried out as part of the Weeping Tile Disconnection Program (WRAP).
11. Labour provided by the Property Owner, to reduce contractor costs, will not be eligible for reimbursement under the program.
12. All subsidized work must be completed by a licensed plumber registered with the City of Niagara Falls.
13. It is the responsibility of the Property Owner or Contractor to apply for and receive a sewer permit from the City of Niagara Falls before work is initiated.
14. Completed work is defined as work that is fully functional and acceptable under industry standards. Work is only deemed "Complete" upon meeting Ontario Building Code standards and passing of inspection by the City of Niagara Falls.
15. All work, and inspection of work, is to be coordinated by the Property Owner.
16. Both the disconnection of foundation drains with sump discharge to surface (if required) AND the installation of backwater valve, if approved, MUST be completed before the grant is released.
17. The Property Owner is responsible for the ongoing operation and maintenance of all equipment installed as part of the work.
18. **The work will provide a degree of protection to the Property Owner, however, there are no guarantees that basement flooding will never occur.**
19. **Property Owners should refrain from using water and plumbing fixtures during severe rainstorms since the flows may not be able to enter the sanitary sewer and may back up in the basement through floor drains, shower and low elevation openings. The Mainline Fullport Backwater Valve is available with a clear cover which may be used to inspect sewer drain performance during such rainstorms.**

