



# SANGAMON COUNTY WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT

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## Overhead Sewer Reimbursement Program May, 2025

In order to minimize the likelihood of basement backups the Sangamon County Water Reclamation District has implemented an Overhead Sewer Program to assist District customers with the cost of plumbing modifications to their homes. This program applies to buildings constructed prior to May 1, 1975. If you have a gravity service sewer from your basement to the District's sewer and have experienced a backup of water in your basement through a floor drain or other fixtures during heavy rain events, this Overhead Sewer Program may be able to help protect your residence from damage. The Overhead Sewer Plumbing Modification process involves the disconnection of all drains and fixtures in your basement from your gravity service sewer. This can typically be done by removing a section of your basement floor near the wall where your service sewer exits the basement. If the existing plumbing stack (soil pipe) is not along your basement wall, your first-floor plumbing will have to be plumbed over to the basement wall and connected to the service sewer. In this same area, an excavation is made, a section of your house service is removed and a pit with a grinder pump is installed to take water from your basement floor drains and fixtures. A typical plumbing modification detail drawing is included. If you are not sure how your drains and fixtures are connected to your house service, there are several plumbing contractors in the area who have TV equipment that should be able to identify connections. The District's plumbing modification reimbursement program will reimburse you up to 75% of the cost of the plumbing modification, excluding the cost of any carpentry work that may be required, up to a maximum amount of \$3500.00. An application form is included. Complete Section 1 of the application and submit it to the District Engineer for approval. You will be notified when your application is approved. Approval is dependent upon program funding. Once approved, your plumber can obtain a plumbing permit from the Sangamon County Department of Public Health for the preconstruction plumbing inspection. An inspector will review the proposed work with you and your plumber. All work must be completed by a plumber licensed by the State of Illinois. The District will not be able to reimburse you if someone other than a licensed plumber completes the work. Once you have the work completed, contact the Sangamon County Department of Public Health to make an appointment to have the County Plumbing Inspector come to your building to make a final inspection of the work to see that it was completed satisfactorily. If

the work is approved you can then submit your paid invoice to the District for the reimbursement. The plumbing modification reimbursement program is applicable only for this type of modification. The installation of floor drains, plugs, standpipes, or the installation of a backflow preventer are not included in this program.

City of Springfield residents may contact the City of Springfield, Office of Public Works to inquiry about the City's program. Residents of Chatham, Rochester, Sherman and Curran are not eligible for the District's Overhead Sewer Program.

The District Engineer can be contacted at (217)-528-0491.  
Sangamon County Water Reclamation District  
3000 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street Road  
Springfield, IL 62707

The County Plumbing Inspector can be contacted at (217)-535-3145  
Sangamon County Department of Public Health  
2833 South Grand Avenue East  
Springfield, IL 62703-2175

**Send Applications To:**

**Mail**

District Engineer  
Sangamon County Water Reclamation District  
3000 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street Road  
Springfield, IL 62707

**Email**

info@scwrdd.org

**Fax**

(217)-528-0497

**Sangamon County Water Reclamation District  
Overhead Sewer Plumbing Modification Reimbursement**

Application Form

05/2025

**SECTION 1 – Resident to complete and submit to District Engineer prior to performing work.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Address to Send Reimbursement (if different from location of work):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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[info@scwrd.org](mailto:info@scwrd.org)

**Fax**

(217)-528-0497

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

**Is the property located in the City of Springfield Corporate Limits?**      Yes      No      (circle one)

If “Yes” please contact the City of Springfield, Office of Public Works to inquire about their Program.

**Is the building within Chatham, Rochester, Sherman or Curran?**      Yes      No      (circle one)

Residents within the listed Villages are not eligible for the District’s Program.

**Are sewer service fees paid to the District for this building?**      Yes      No      (circle one)

**Was the building constructed prior to May 1, 1975?**      Yes      No      (circle one)

*a) Submit completed Section 1.*

*b) You will be contacted when your application is approved (as program funding allows).*

*c) Once your application is approved, have your plumber call (217)-535-3145 to schedule a pre-construction inspection and have your plumber obtain a plumbing permit before work is started.*

*d) Call (217)-535-3145 to schedule a final inspection after work is completed.*

*e) Submit your paid invoice and County Plumbing Inspection to the District Engineer at the above address.*

**SECTION 2 – District to complete**

1) County Plumbing Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

2) Paid Invoice Submitted:

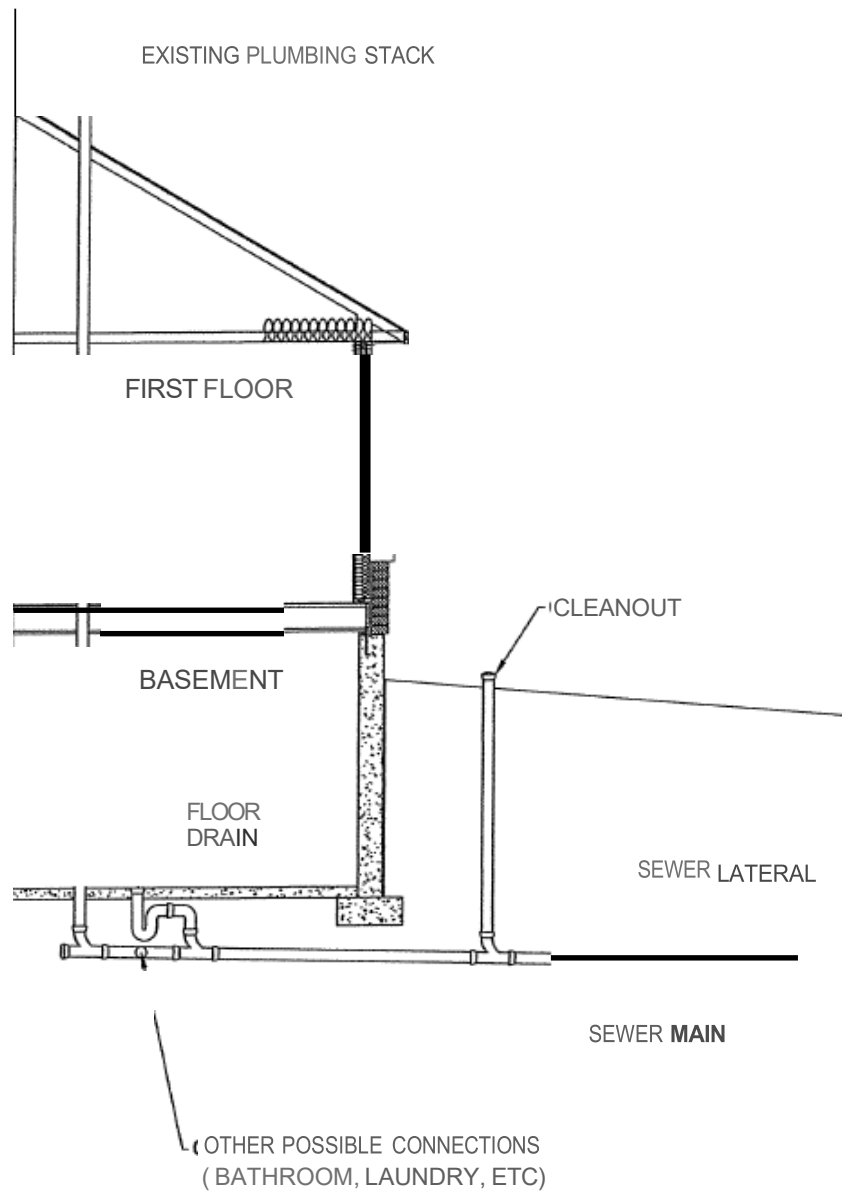
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

3) District Engineer Approval for Reimbursement.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ District Engineer: \_\_\_\_\_

4) Plumbing Modification Reimbursement.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ PO # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_



EXISTING SEWER CONDITION  
(TYPICAL DETAIL)

