



**Access Agreement - HomeGuard Voluntary Program**

- 1. The Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner (WRC) has created a voluntary program to help prevent backflow of combined stormwater and wastewater from entering basements following heavy rains that exceed the collection system’s capacity. Referred to as “HomeGuard,” this new program may rely on federal funding to help subsidize the cost of construction.
- 2. To participate in this program, a property owner is required to sign this access agreement to allow a contractor selected by the WRC to access the basement area of the premises identified below to determine the suitability for participation.
- 3. If the inspection reveals the premises to be suitable, a contractor will be selected to remove a portion of the basement floor to install a backwater valve on the sanitary drain line. Depending on the plumbing arrangement, a backwater valve and sump pump may also be installed on the home’s foundation drain line to assist in discharging the home’s stormwater flow.
- 4. All piping beyond limits of the installation(s) is the responsibility of the property owner and will not be replaced by the WRC.
- 5. The property owner, or an authorized representative who is at least 18 years of age, must be present during the installation(s).
- 6. The property owner shall provide at least 10 feet of open space around the installation(s) to allow the contractor sufficient work access. Improvement installation impacting the basement floor will be restored with concrete. No specialty flooring, tile, carpet, etc. will be repaired or replaced by the contractor.
- 7. The property owner will be the owner of the installation(s) on private property after completion.
- 8. The installation(s) will be performed at no cost to the homeowner other than the initial \$100 participation fee.
- 9. The permissive rights set forth herein shall commence as of the date the property owner signs this agreement and shall terminate on the date the contractor completes the improvements and all permits are closed. The work shall be warranted to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of one year from the final installation date.

**Authorization:**

The undersigned hereby gives permission to the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner and the City of Berkley and/or their employees, agents, and/or contractors to investigate, excavate and install check valves in the sanitary sewer and weeping tile systems and may also install a sump pump as necessary to assist in discharging the home’s stormwater flow on the following property:

Tax Parcel: \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

This instrument contains the entire access agreement. No other promises have been made except those as shown herein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name/Property Owner (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number (for scheduling)

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Email address (for scheduling)