



## City of Lansing Basement Backup Protection Program (B2P2)

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### Program Brief

A program for Lansing residents proactively addresses the issue of basement sewer backups and offers assistance to protect families from future backups. The Basement Backup Protection Program (B2P2) provides protective solutions for residential properties where basement sewage backups have occurred due to problems with the public sewer system during wet weather. Through this program, eligible property owners who have experienced sewer backups can receive assistance.

In 2013, the City launched a pilot program, benefiting 15 homes. The program has been expanded to include additional residential properties with at least two documented sewer backups in the last seven years.. In early 2014, this targeted group of approximately 260 home owners received an invitation in the mail to participate. Those interested, but not invited during the pilot period, will be placed on a waiting list.

The City of Lansing wants to make the program as easy as 1-2-3! To apply for the Basement Backup Protection Program during the pilot period, homeowners during the pilot period can complete a simple form that accompanies the initial mailing, fill it out online at [www.lansingmi.gov/basements](http://www.lansingmi.gov/basements) (a dedicated landing page); call the B2P2 HelpLine at (517) 853-7867 or email to [Basements@DCEngPC.com](mailto:Basements@DCEngPC.com) to begin the eligibility and enrollment process.

#### **Solutions**

Depending on the home's configuration, several different approaches are available to protect the basement. Homeowners are encouraged to talk with a licensed plumber to determine the best approach for their home.

#### **Contracting**

The B2P2 requires contracting with a licensed plumber who is qualified to pull plumbing permits. Depending upon the work required, a homeowner may need to hire multiple contractors to complete various parts of the project.

#### **Subsidy & Reimbursement**

The City will reimburse property owners for eligible work in accordance with the following schedule:

- 100% of the first \$1,000 eligible (\$1,000)
- 75% of the next \$5,000 eligible (\$3,750)
- Maximum Subsidy of \$4,750

B2P2 will reimburse participating property owners for the purchase of a "Backup of Sewer or Drain Endorsement" on their homeowner's insurance policy. The reimbursement is up to \$100 per year for a period of 10 years. Property owners must request the reimbursement each year.