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### **Springfield's Backwater Prevention Assistance Program Aimed at Eliminating Sewer Backups**

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO – August 4, 2017 – The City of Springfield's Backwater Prevention Assistance Program allows residents to receive up to \$4,600 for plumbing changes that will eliminate basement flooding caused by surcharging of the wastewater collection system.

Surcharging of the public system occurs almost exclusively during heavy rainfall, which causes the pipes to fill and back up. To apply for this program, residents can complete the application found on the Sewer Utility page of the City of Springfield website and return it to the Service Center at 2100 Lagonda Avenue.

Funds are limited and the City will respond to requests in the order in which they are received; therefore, residents are encouraged to apply as quickly as possible. Those eligible for the program will be contacted and provided all the necessary information and instructions needed to take advantage of the program. For questions, call the City Service Department at 937-525-5800.

If your basement floods whether it is raining or not, then there may be a problem that this program cannot address. In this case, please call the Service Department for further advice.

"We are here to be a resource to our residents," said Utilities Maintenance Superintendent, Mike Adamson. "I hope that those who qualify take advantage of this program. I encourage anyone who has recently experienced weather-related basement flooding to contact our department."

For more information about the City of Springfield, visit [www.springfieldohio.gov](http://www.springfieldohio.gov).

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