

Notice for Water Resources Web Page

NOTICE: Customers who have a flood level rim of a plumbing fixture below the elevation of the manhole cover of the next upstream manhole in the public sewer are required by the plumbing code to have a **backwater valve** installed and maintained in the building drain or building sewer lateral leading from the building to the public sewer (See Section 715.1 of the International Plumbing Code and the Georgia State Amendments to the International Plumbing Code 2006 Edition, revised January 1, 2009).

This means that your house, basement, business building, etc. is subject to flooding with raw sewage any time that the public sewer backs up as high as the elevation of the manhole cover on the next upstream manhole in the public sewer system.

If your house, basement, business building, etc. does not have this backwater valve installed and maintained in the building lateral (owned by the parcel owner) and the house, basement, business building, etc. floods with sewage, the Gwinnett Department of Water Resources is not liable for the damage or the clean-up costs of the sewage backup into the house, basement, business building, etc. **No claims will be processed by the County.**

Please see sketch below:

