



## ***PUBLIC WORKS***

September 12, 2014

RE: NOTIFICATION OF DESIGNATED CONNECTION

Dear property owner:

A new ordinance, enacted by the Everett City Council in August 2014, requires that some properties within Everett's combined sewer system area have a backwater prevention device (such as a backwater valve) installed on their sewer connection. Your property's sewer connection has been identified as requiring a device to comply with the new regulation. Accordingly, this letter is notice that your sewer connection is a "designated connection" under the ordinance, which means that a backwater prevention device must be installed on your sewer connection.

To help you meet the new requirement, the city will offer a rebate reimbursement of up to \$2,500 for the installation of an approved backwater prevention device. This should cover the full cost of installation. We are finalizing the program details and will mail you more information in a few weeks. If you have received a promotional flyer from a contractor, please wait until you receive this information before proceeding.

One purpose of this backwater prevention device requirement is to reduce the risk of sewer backups and flooding. During periods of heavy rainfall, flows can exceed the capacity of the combined sewer system, causing excess sewage to flow back through private sewer connections and into properties. Backwater prevention devices, when properly installed and maintained, prevent this from happening.

Please assist us by completing the enclosed postage-paid postcard and returning it to us. This will help us verify that the new requirements apply to you. If you already have a backwater valve or grinder pump, returning the postcard is particularly important.

For more information, visit our website at [www.everettwa.org/bwd](http://www.everettwa.org/bwd). You can also contact Halley Kimball at 425-257-8946 and [hkimball@everettwa.gov](mailto:hkimball@everettwa.gov), or Grant Moen at 425-257-8947 and [gmoen@everettwa.gov](mailto:gmoen@everettwa.gov).



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Thank you for responding.

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## BACKWATER PREVENTION DEVICE PROGRAM

Our records indicate that a backwater prevention device must be installed on your sewer connection to comply with the new ordinance. Please help us verify that our information is correct by answering the following questions about your property:

Do you have a basement? Yes  No

If yes, does it have plumbing fixtures (sink, toilet, floor drain, etc.)? Yes  No

Do you have a backwater valve on your sewer line? Yes  No  Don't Know

Do you have a grinder pump in your basement? Yes  No  Don't Know

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

Property address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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