

# **Storm and Sewer Backup Policy**

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Town of Bar Harbor

This policy addresses the problems encountered by stormwater and sewer backups and how the Town can assist in controlling backflows.

Some services experience backflows from stormwater, sewer or both due to design overloading or malfunctioning of the system.

1. In those cases that are a malfunction of the system due to lack of maintenance or failure of the service on Town owned lines, it shall be the responsibility of the Town to correct the problem as expeditiously as practical and take the necessary precaution to protect public and private property from damage.
2. In those cases that are due to design or overloading of the system the Town will provide the affected service with a backflow preventer and technical assistance. The installation shall be the responsibility of and at the expense of the owner.
  - A. Backflow preventers shall be installed on the owner's property wherever practical. In cases where it is not practical to install the preventer on the owner's property it may be installed on public property upon obtaining the appropriate permits.
  - B. Backflow preventers shall be installed in a manner that will make them readily accessible for maintenance and repair.
3. In those cases that are due to lack of maintenance or failure on the owner's service line, it shall be the sole responsibility of the owner to correct. The Public Works Department shall provide technical assistance if requested.