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**WEeping TILE REMOVAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (W.R.A.P.)  
 APPLICATION FORM**

OWNER LAST NAME:		FIRST NAME:
ADDRESS:		CITY: NIAGARA FALLS
POSTAL CODE:	EMAIL:	
HOME #:	WORK #:	
ALTERNATE MAILING ADDRESS:		
CITY:		POSTAL CODE:
<b>CHECK ITEM</b>	<b>WORK</b>	<b>SUBSIDY AMOUNT</b>
	WEeping TILE INVESTIGATION / DISCONNECTION INCL. SUMP PUMP & BACK-UP	100% up to Maximum \$4000.00 (Including Tax)
	BACKWATER VALVE AND WEeping TILE INVESTIGATION	100% up to Maximum \$1200.00 (Including Tax)
<b>RELEASE</b> I hereby certify that I am the owner of the property herein and I have read and understand the program terms and conditions (Back).		
DATE:		OWNER SIGNATURE:

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
CARTEGRAPH #:	APPLICATION #:
APPROVAL DATE:	APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:
SUBSIDY DATE:	SIGNED:

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**WEeping TILE REMOVAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – APPLICATION FORM**  
**Terms and Conditions for Subsidy Funding**

1. Work is defined as either:
  - the disconnection of weeping tiles from the sanitary sewer system and/or;
  - the disconnection of a sump pump from the sanitary sewer system and/or;
  - the installation of a backwater valve.
2. A subsidy grant should not exceed \$5,200.00, including HST, per property. A grant will only be awarded for the maximum amount outlined on the Approved Work Form. The Contractor must submit with their invoice to the City a copy of the original invoice or estimate if less than \$5,200.00 for Contractor's work, labour and materials used to complete the eligible works.
3. A basement flood is defined as a backup (surcharge) of the sanitary sewer system into the basement.
4. Projects completed prior to contacting and receiving approval from the City of Niagara Falls will not be eligible for funding.
5. To qualify for the weeping tile disconnection subsidy, the property owner must have installed a 1/3 HP submersible sump pump, a minimum 450 mm diameter X 750 mm deep sump pit, easily removable sump pump lid for maintenance, a water backup sump pump if a suitable sized water line is readily available (a backup water sump pump recommended) otherwise a battery backup sump pump with a marine battery. These are the **minimum approved standards** acceptable to receive the WRAP subsidy.
6. To qualify for the backwater valve, the property owner must use a Mainline Fullport Backwater Valve, as this is currently the only backwater valve approved in the Province of Ontario for home installation on the main sanitary sewer lateral. Installation of a backwater valve must be approved by the City and will be based upon previous recorded basement flooding.
7. Reimbursement will not be provided for replacing interior finishes, such as drywall, paint or flooring or for exterior restoration, such as landscaping, gardening, sod, trees, porches, decks, concrete or asphalt.
8. If plugged or blocked weeping tiles/foundation drains and/or private side sewer laterals are discovered upon excavation for disconnection, the Property Owner may choose to undertake remedial action; however, the City of Niagara Falls will not reimburse these costs.
9. The Property Owner must fill out and sign the appropriate application and waiver form, releasing the City of Niagara Falls from any liability resulting from Work carried out as part of the Weeping Tile Disconnection Program (WRAP).
10. Labour provided by the Property Owner, to reduce contractor costs, will not be eligible for reimbursement under the program.
11. All subsidized work must be completed by a licensed plumber.
12. It is the responsibility of the Property Owner to apply for and receive a sewer permit from the City of Niagara Falls Building Department **before work is initiated**. The property owners can designate their contractor to apply for the permit on their behalf. A copy of the Building Permit must be included with the final invoice in order for the subsidy to be processed.
13. Completed work is defined as work that is fully functional and acceptable under industry standards. Work is only deemed "Complete" upon meeting Ontario Building Code standards and passing of inspection by a City of Niagara Falls Building Inspector.
14. The completion and final inspection of all work, is to be coordinated by the Property Owner.
15. Both the disconnection of foundation drains with sump discharge to surface (if required) AND the installation of backwater valve, if approved, **MUST** be completed before the grant is released. Confirmation and proof of the completed works must be provided with the contractor's application for subsidy.
16. Following installation, the Property Owner will own and be responsible for the ongoing operation and maintenance of all equipment installed as part of the work, including any associated costs.
17. **The work will provide a degree of protection to the Property Owner, however, there are no guarantees that basement flooding will never occur.**
18. **Property Owners should refrain from using water and plumbing fixtures during severe rainstorms since the flows may not be able to enter the sanitary sewer and may back up in the basement through floor drains, shower and low elevation openings. The Mainline Fullport Backwater Valve is available with a clear cover which may be used to inspect sewer drain performance during such rainstorms.**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**WEEPING TILE REMOVAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
HOMEOWNER APPLICATION, RELEASE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Made this \_\_\_\_\_ day in \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_

**BETWEEN:**

**The City of Niagara Falls, (the "City")**

-and- \_\_\_\_\_  
The "Property Owner" (PLEASE PRINT)

-of- \_\_\_\_\_  
The "Property Address" (PLEASE PRINT)

WHEREAS the Property Owner at its sole discretion, has performed Work to the Property's storm water and wastewater systems as part of the City of Niagara Falls' Weeping Tile Removal Assistance Program (WRAP).

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT:**

I \_\_\_\_\_ have made myself informed about the City of Niagara Falls' Weeping Tile Removal Assistance Program (WRAP) including the terms and conditions and hereby provide the City of Niagara Falls with the following waiver of liability and indemnification agreement:

**RELEASE:**

I hereby certify that I am the owner of the Property and I hereby agree that the City's decision to subsidize the completed work is in no way an admission on the part of the City, its councilors, officers, employees or agents of liability or responsibility for past or future backups of the City's wastewater system or basement flooding; and

I hereby agree not to use the performance of or the City's payment for a portion of the Completed Work as evidence in any legal proceedings that we have initiated or will initiate against the City, its councilors, officers, employees or agents; and

I hereby agree that the existing wastewater and storm systems located on the Property are the Property Owner's responsibilities and that the Property Owner is responsible for future maintenance and upkeep of any of the Completed Work located on the property; and

I hereby agree that the performance of the Completed Work in no way deems anything located on the Property now or in the future as being part of the City's wastewater system; and

I hereby agree that in the event of a sale or lease of the Property, I will inform the purchaser or lessee of the existence of the Completed Work installed and the applicable maintenance requirements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Property Owner and the City have hereunto signed their names at the time and places indicated

This _____ day of _____, 20_____  At the City of Niagara Falls Province of Ontario	<b>PROPERTY OWNER</b> Signature: _____ Name (PLEASE PRINT) _____
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