

Backwater Check Valves

- Backwater check valves are usually professionally installed on the main sewer line.
- The check valve contains a flapper that allows flow in only one direction.
- Your backwater check valves should be checked yearly to make sure they are free of debris and working properly.
- You should find an access point for your check valve in your basement floor, usually near your main clean out.



Slice Valve

- Slice valves are usually professionally installed.
- You should be able to access your slice valve through a hold-out in the basement floor.
- Slice valves are easily turned on and off in the event of a sewer back-up problem.
- Once closed, a slice valve will not let sewage flow either into or out of the house.



Test Ball

- This is a ball inflated with air using an air compressor.
- The ball is inserted into the pipe and inflated with air to a certain psi which is usually written on it.
- Once inflated properly, the ball will not allow water to flow in either direction.
- Test balls are conventionally used for pressure testing plumbing systems.



Twist Plug

- The twist plug is inserted into the pipe and the wing nut twisted until the plug is tight.
- Twist plugs are available in many different sizes.
- These plugs work well with floor drains, shower drains, and closet collars.

