



KODIAK CONTROLS INCORPORATED

Sewur Valve™ 4inch Series

Sewer Cleanout/Backflow Prevention Valve

The valve with plunger installed greatly reduces the risk of sewage backflow into your residence, and provides an easy access for emergency cleanout.

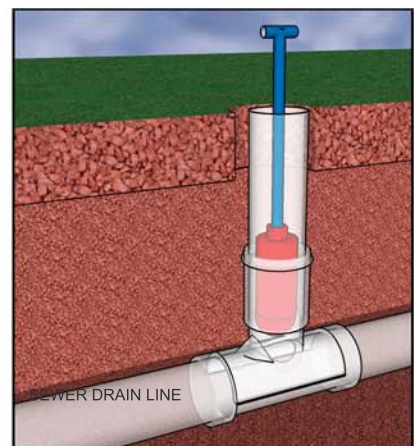
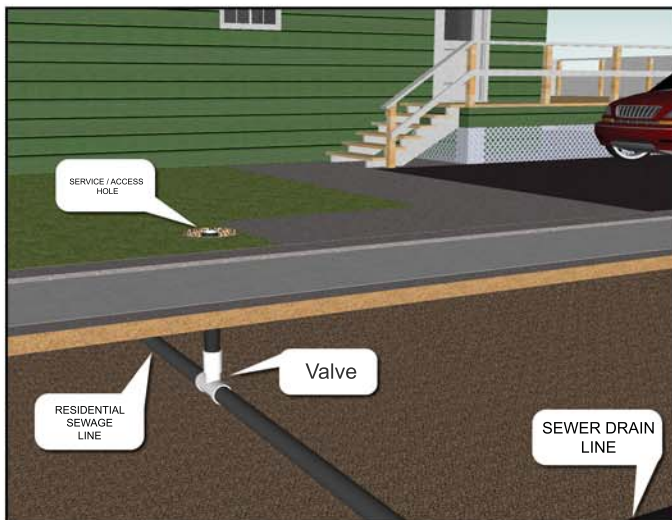
Place this valve inline with your sewer drain line, and place an access pipe to the top port of the valve. The access pipe will allow easy access to the valve's shut-off and clean-out features.

Installing this valve will provide the following benefits:

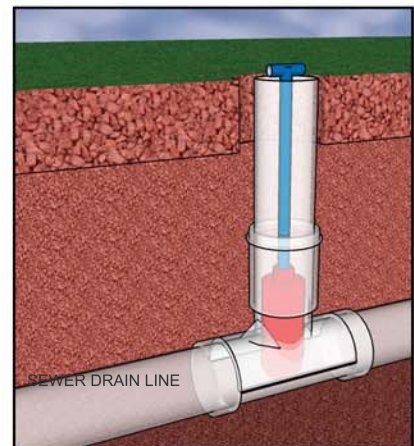
- Great reduction of the possibility of Raw Sewage Backup with the Plunger installed
- Easy access for sewer line cleaning
- Disconnection of the sewer line in low lying areas prone to flooding
- Municipality or water service provider can disconnect prior to repair or cleanout
- Disconnection of line for delinquent payment to service providers

Compatible with SDR and Schedule 40 Piping Systems

Plunger and Housing meet the same specifications and are interchangeable with other popular brands of this design



Valve shown in open position



Valve shown in closed position

ARROW ON VALVE WILL INDICATE DIRECTION OF FLOW

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A number of home and business owners hit by the massive weekend storm in the Northeast are discovering yet another type of coverage they didn't know they needed – sewer-backup insurance. As flood waters and runoff overwhelmed many sewer systems in New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and elsewhere, sewage backed up in residents' bathrooms and basements. But some property owners there are learning that they aren't covered for backed-up sewage, just as many learned after 2005's Hurricane Katrina that they weren't covered by homeowner insurance for damage from flood waters.

It's a potential problem in many parts of the country, especially in areas vulnerable to heavy rainfalls and flash floods. Claims from backed-up sewage can run as high as \$10,000 to \$20,000 an incident, said Loretta Worters, a spokeswoman for the Insurance Information Institute, a trade group. The problem is, most business and homeowner policies don't include coverage for sewer-backups unless purchasers pay for a special rider, which costs an extra \$40 to \$50 a year for \$5000 worth of coverage, added on to a typical homeowner policy. (Higher limits are available, and some high-end homeowner policies do include this coverage.) But despite the riders' relatively low cost, most homeowners don't take them. Nationally, only about 20 percent of homeowner policies have the additional coverage for sewer backup, according to data provider ISO. Frank Tredici, 63, a retiree who lives in Staten Island, NY., said his neighborhood is plagued sewer backups after heavy rainstorms. He suffered three or four himself before he paid to have a backflow-prevention device installed in his sewer line 10 years ago, at a cost of more than \$2,000. Tredici said he has never paid for a sewer-backup rider on his homeowner policy because he already bristles at the \$650 the mortgage company requires him to pay for flood insurance on top of his \$1,021 home insurance bill, which recently jumped from \$800 a year. In the wake of severe hurricane damage in recent years, many homeowners learned the hard way that their policies generally don't cover damage from ocean or river storm surges, rain runoff or water-main breaks, and sales of flood insurance have grown. A National Flood Insurance Program spokesman says sales increased nearly 11 percent nationally in the 12 months through February, with 5.4 million policies in effect. (For more information, go to www.floodsmart.gov or call (888)-379-9531.) More than 100 private insurers make flood insurance available through their agents. To minimize the risk of damage from backed-up sewage systems, insurance experts say you should take these precautions:

- Avoid putting grease, paper towels, diapers and other refuse into toilets or sinks to prevent clogs in pipes connecting your home to the city sanitary main.
- Don't connect sump pumps, French drains or other flood-control systems to city sanitary mains, which is typically illegal. Have a plumber remove illegal connections.
- Install a backflow prevention device. The cost ranges from about \$500 to \$5000, plus installation, depending on the type of plumbing in the building and the valve required.

In the event of a backup, it's important to thoroughly clean the affected area with disinfectant and completely dry to prevent disease and further damage from mold and mildew.



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