

This is your Backwater
Valve (BWV)

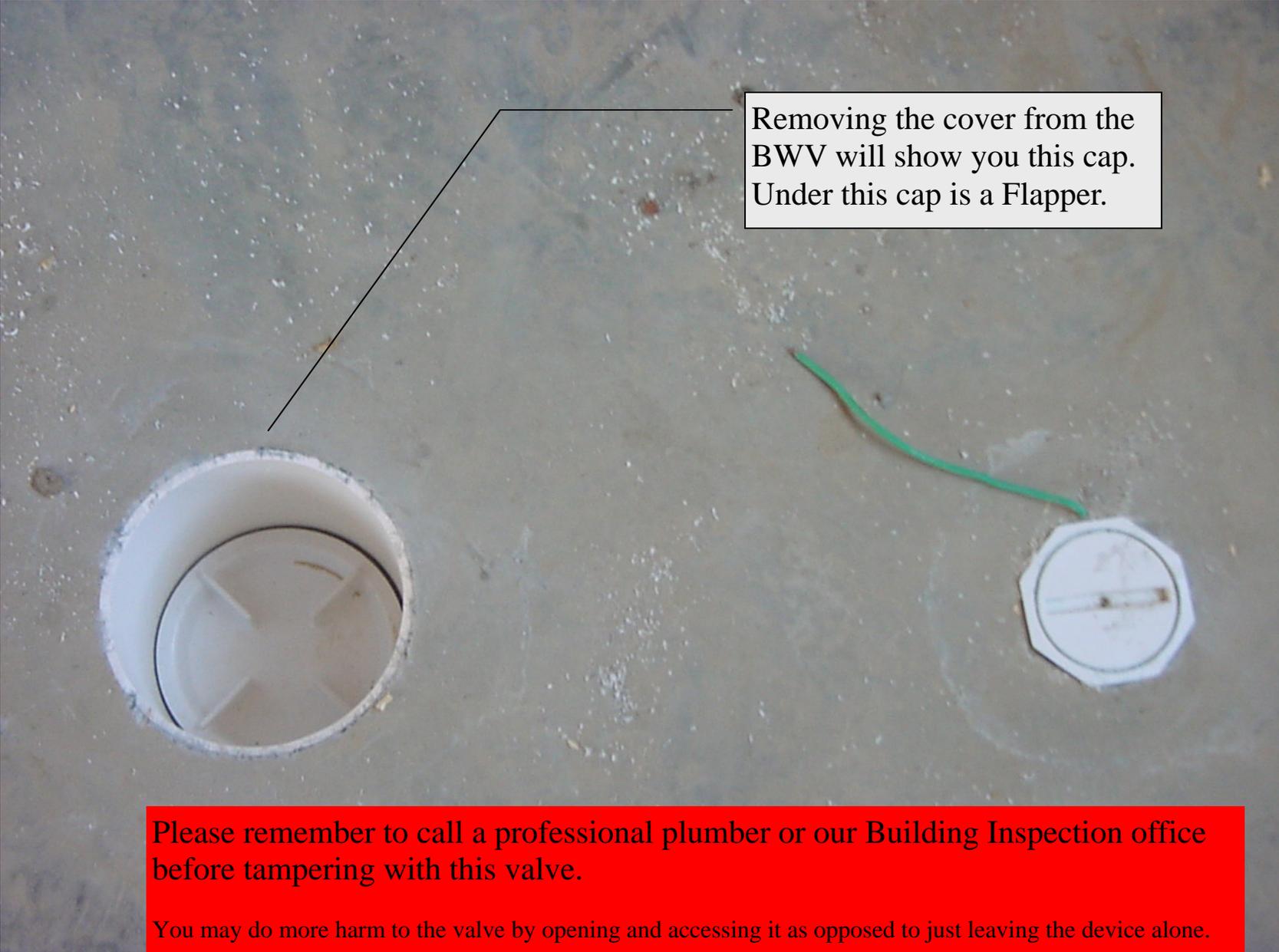
- Could be White or Black
- Could be 3" or 4" Drain
- The cover may be 8" or 10" in diameter.

This is your
House Cleanout

- Residential cleanouts are a 4"

Is your house protected by a Backwater Valve?

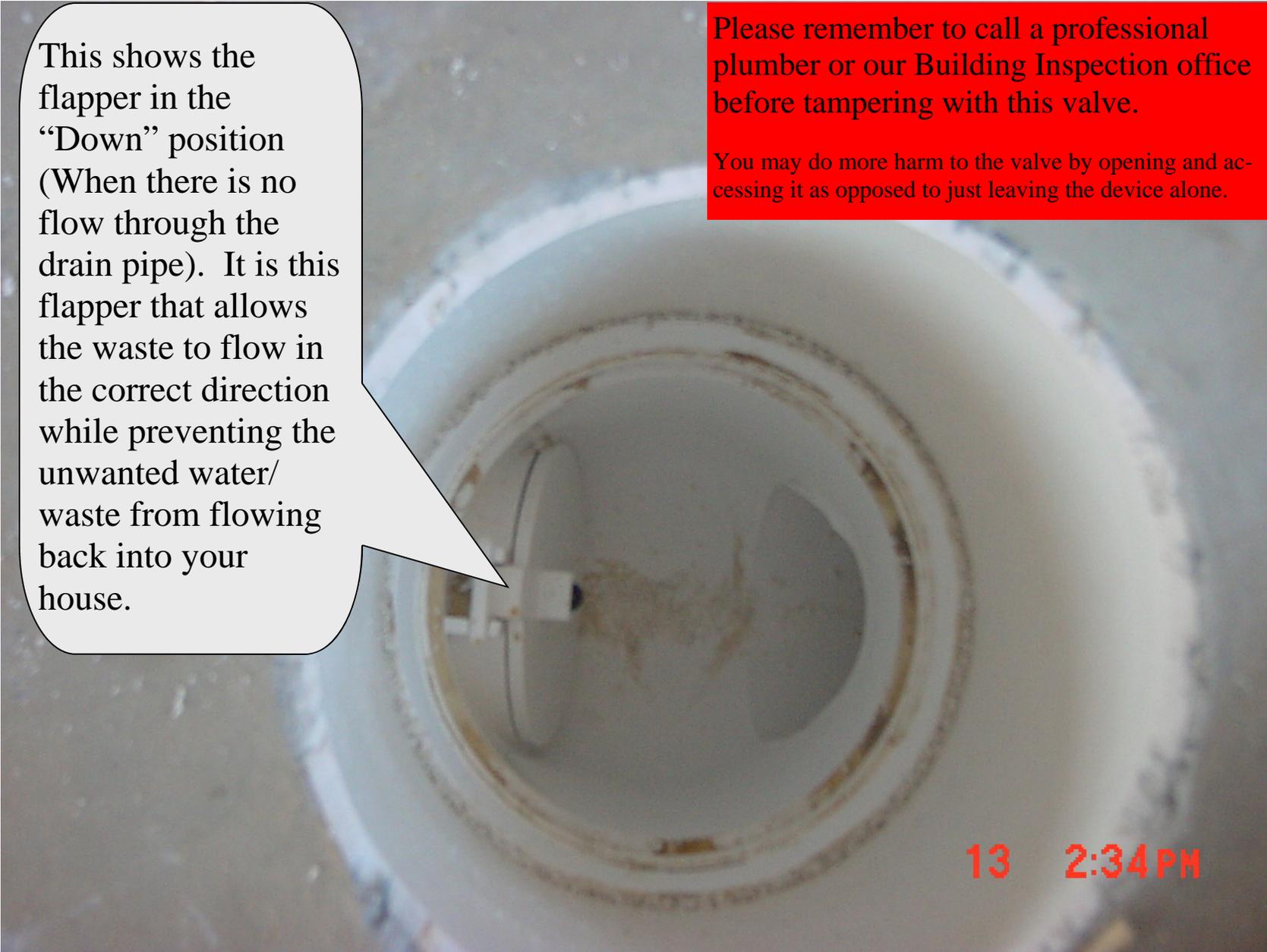
Learn how to identify it here and find what it is and how it works here.



Removing the cover from the
BWV will show you this cap.
Under this cap is a Flapper.

Please remember to call a professional plumber or our Building Inspection office
before tampering with this valve.

You may do more harm to the valve by opening and accessing it as opposed to just leaving the device alone.

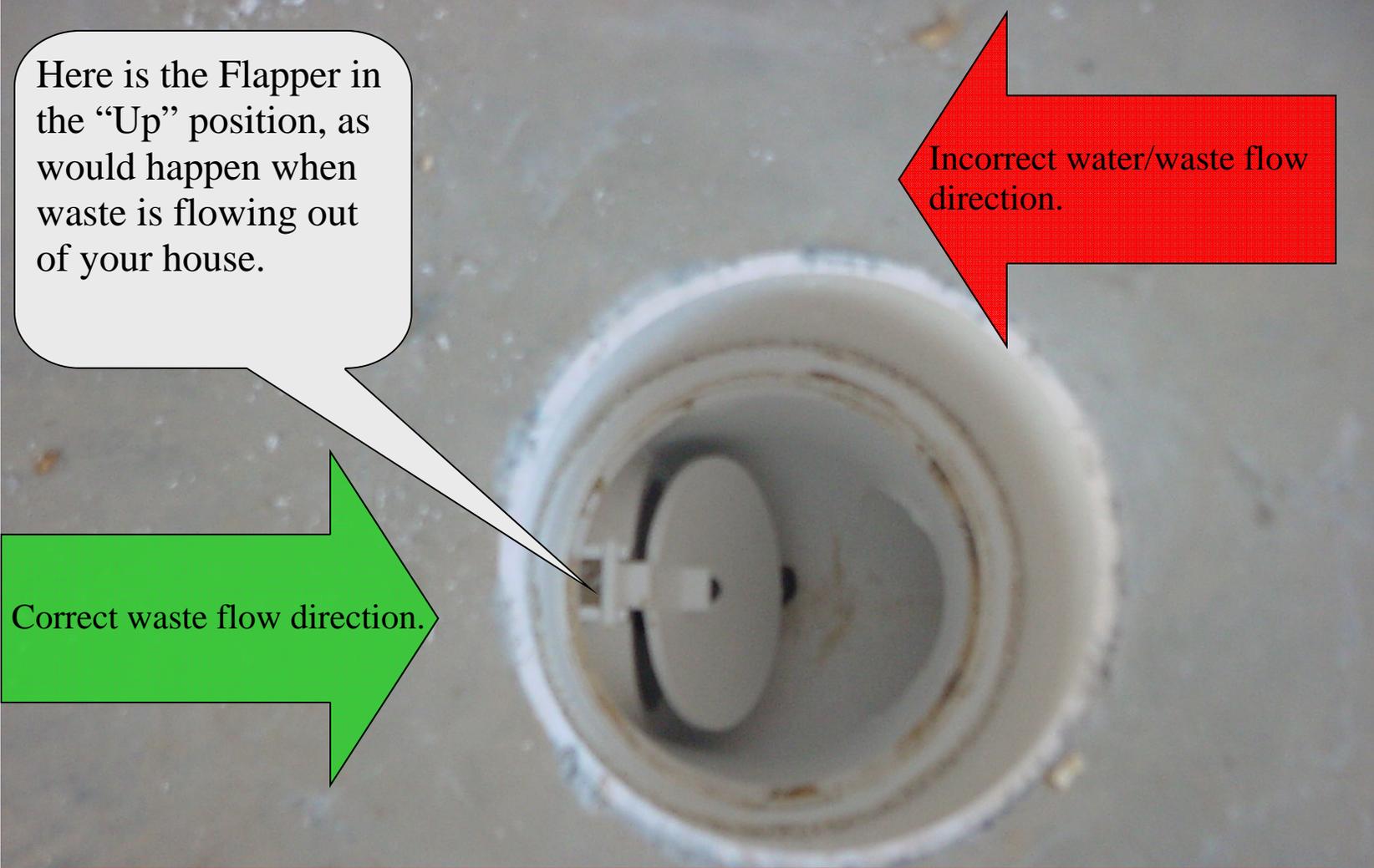


This shows the flapper in the “Down” position (When there is no flow through the drain pipe). It is this flapper that allows the waste to flow in the correct direction while preventing the unwanted water/waste from flowing back into your house.

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Here is the Flapper in the “Up” position, as would happen when waste is flowing out of your house.

Correct waste flow direction.

Incorrect water/waste flow direction.

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