

# THE SEWER SYSTEM: A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

To help keep our lakes, rivers and lands clean for the health and enjoyment of all, both homeowners and sewer agencies must do their part to keep the sewer system free and flowing and reduce the risk of a sewer spill. The drawing below provides an overview of the requirements and best practices of a sewer system in order to keep it from overflowing.

## BOXED TO GRADE

Labeled "SEWER" with water-tight plug or cap

## SEWER MANHOLE COVER

Provides agency access to sewer system

## PROPERTY LINE CLEANOUT

Provides access to the sewer line so that blockages can be removed  
(Two-way required by some districts)

## ROOF DRAIN

NEVER connect roof drain to sewer

## HOME/BUILDING CLEANOUT

## BATHROOM

**DO NOT** put the following down the drain:

- "Flushable" wipes
- Hair
- Cat litter
- Dental floss
- Prescription drugs
- Feminine products

## KITCHEN

**ALWAYS** scrape the following into the garbage before dishwashing:

- Fats, oil, and grease
- Coffee grounds
- Egg shells

## SUMP PUMP

NEVER connect sump pump to sewer system

## YARD/MECHANICAL

**DO NOT** put the following down the any drain:

- Motor oil
- Antifreeze
- Pesticides
- Fertilizers

**IMPORTANT:** Remove trees, rocks, and shrubs from above sewer line

**FERTILIZER**

## PROTECTION

Add sufficient cover over sewer line to protect against freezing/frost

**SEWER PIPE**

**PROPERTY LINE**

## UPPER LATERAL

The upper lateral is sloped to provide gravity flow. Some buildings require pumps to lift waste water to public sewer system.

## BACKWATER PREVENTION DEVICE

Prevents sewage backup into home or building  
(Required per California Plumbing Code for some properties.)

**SEWER MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY OF:**

← **PUBLIC AGENCY**

**PROPERTY OWNER (YOU)** →

## QUESTIONS?

Contact your local sewer agency.



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