

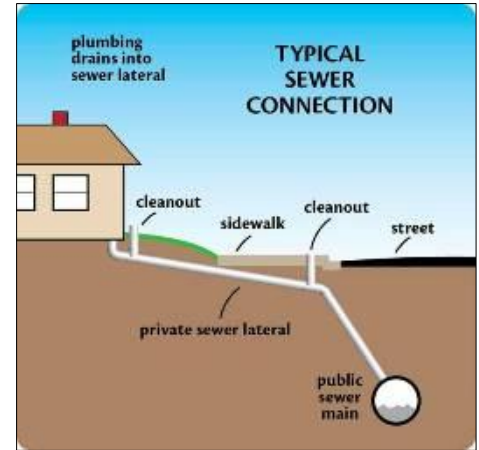


Sewer Lateral Maintenance

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Private sewer lateral lines are the privately-owned sewer lines that connect a property to the City-owned sewer line. Sewer laterals transport wastewater from all of the drains in your building to the public sewer main. Sewer lateral maintenance includes annual hydro jetting to keep pipes clean and free of any blockages. National City municipal code 14.06 states that property owners are responsible for maintenance on sewer lateral lines.



Why is it Important?

Maintaining and keeping our private sewer lateral drains clean is important, because...

Everything we put down our private drains reaches the City sewer!

Fats, oils, grease, and other waste that private residences or businesses dispose of in their sinks and toilets can cause blockages and sanitary sewer backups into within your building and within the City's sewer system.

Residences

- ◇ Keep fats, oils, and grease out of your kitchen drains. See the City's Residential FOG handout for more information.
- ◇ Do not dispose of wipes, disposal diapers, or feminine hygiene materials in the toilet or sink. These can cause blockages in your sewer line.
- ◇ Hire a plumber to clean your sewer lateral at least once annually to keep sewer lines clean and free of built up waste.

Food Service Establishments

- ◇ Follow the City's minimum FOG best management practices for food service establishments (FSEs) to minimize food waste disposal.
- ◇ All food service establishments in National City are required to perform sewer lateral maintenance at least once annually.
- ◇ Records of sewer lateral maintenance are required to be presented during Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) inspections.