



CORPORATE POLICY & PROCEDURE

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SECTION: PROPERTY & FACILITIES

SUBJECT: SEWER LATERAL POLICY

POLICY DETAILS

GENERAL

1. This policy includes and recognizes both sanitary and storm sewer laterals from the building located on private property to the sewer main.
2. The Property Owner is the owner of the sewer lateral from the building to the sewer main located in the municipal road allowance or easements.
3. The Property Owner is responsible for all blockages in the sewer lateral, which includes tree roots, with the exception of # 8 in this policy.
4. The Property Owner is responsible to maintain and keep clear their sewer laterals of all blockages to the sewer lateral.
5. Where the Property Owner or their plumber notifies the Township, of a sewer lateral blockage, the Township will offer to video inspect the lateral once the blockage is removed at no cost to the Property Owner.
6. All sewer lateral blockages reported to the Township will be documented.
7. If the blockage is a result of tree roots the Township at their discretion will:
 - Evaluate the condition of the sewer lateral.
 - Identify trees that may be contributing to the blockage.
 - Evaluate the health of any contributing trees within the Township road allowance or easement.

- Discuss with the property owner remedial actions that may be taken by either the
 - Township or property owner to reduce the possibility of future blockages.
8. If the Township video inspection reveals a structural problem with any part of the sewer lateral, within the municipal road allowance or easement, the Township may choose, at their sole discretion, to repair or replace the portion of the sewer lateral at no cost to the Property Owner. If the repair is required due to a blockage caused by the Property Owner or as the result of a tree root(s), then all costs for the repair will be the responsibility of the Property Owner. Once the repair is completed the Township will recoup all cost for the repair from the Property Owner.
 9. Any structural deficiencies on the Property Owner's portion of the sewer lateral are the sole responsibility of the Property Owner.
 10. Where reconstruction of sewer mains occur within municipal road allowances or easements the Township will replace the lateral from the sewer main to the property line at no cost to the Property Owner.
 11. Replacement of sewer laterals within the municipal road allowance or easement is not to occur between the period of December 1st to March 31st (winter months) unless absolutely necessary, and is at the Townships sole discretion
 12. Replacement material for sewer laterals will be either PVC (poly vinyl chloride) sewer pipe with rubber gasket joints or approved equivalent.