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.

Provides access to the sewer line so that blockages can be removed

(Two-way required by some districts)

PROPERTY LINE CLEANOUT

ROOF DRAIN

NEVER connect roof drain to sewer

HOME/BUILDING **CLEANOUT**

KITCHEN

 Prescription drugs Feminine products

BATHROOM

DO NOT put the following down the drain:

"Flushable" wipes
 Dental floss

Hair

Cat litter

ALWAYS scrape the following into the garbage before dishwashing:

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

PROTECTION

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

SEWER PIPE

SUMP PUMP

NEVER connect sump pump to sewer system

PROPERTY LINE

SEWER MAINTENANCE

RESPONSIBILITY OF:

BOXED TO GRADE

Labeled "SEWER" with

water-tight plug or cap

SEWER MANHOLE COVER

Provides agency access

to sewer system

PIPELINE TO

TREATMENT PLANT

LOWER LATERAL

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.)

YARD/MECHANICAL

DO NOT put the following down the any drain:

- Motor oil
 Pesticides
- · Antifreeze · Fertilizers

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





PROPERTY OWNER (YOU) ->



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