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Great Neck

Water Pollution Control District



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PREVENT CLOGS FROM F.R.O.G.S. (FATS, ROOTs, OILS AND GREASE)

*Just as cholesterol clogs arteries...
Fats, Roots, Oils and Grease
clog pipes.*



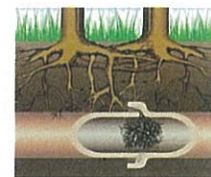
The leading causes of building sewer line clogs are Fats, Roots, Oils and Grease.

Fats, Roots, Oils and Grease can clog sewer lines leading to very costly sewer damages from backups. **Don't let this happen to your pipes!!!!**

Fats, Oils and Grease clogs can be easily prevented by a few simple steps:

1. **Cool It:** Allow hot fats, oils and grease to cool and solidify, if possible.
2. **Store It:** Pour into a can or disposable container and place in your freezer.
3. **Can It:** When container is full, dispose of it in the trash rather than pouring it down the drain.

*Trees are beautiful
but...*



Roots are responsible for the majority of most building sewer line failures. There are a number of preventative steps you can take to keep roots from clogging your building sewer line.

1. Don't plant trees or shrubs over or near your building sewer line.
2. If possible, remove existing trees and shrubs over or near your building sewer line.
3. Minor root control can be handled with products from your local hardware or plumbing supply store. Periodic preventative maintenance may save you hundreds or thousands of dollars in future plumbing bills.
4. Major root control may require the services of a licensed plumber.

Remember that Repair of your Building Sewer Line is not Typically Covered by your Homeowners Insurance... So Prevent the Possibility of Costly Bills!

What are signs that I may have a sewer problem?

- Drains backup inside your house or are slow draining.
- Sink holes in your yard over the building sewer line.
- Wet or soggy ground in your yard over or near your building sewer line.
- Water standing in or coming out of your sewer clean-outs. (If clean-outs exist)
- Unusual odors in or around your home.

What are some things I can do for preventative maintenance?

- Have your building sewer line video inspected and cleaned regularly.

- Repair or replace deteriorated or damaged pipes as soon as possible.
- Have clean-outs installed on building sewer line.
- Prevent clogs from F.R.O.G.S. (Fats, Roots, Oils and Grease) by following the simple steps outlined in this newsletter.
- Do not flush diapers, wipes, feminine hygiene products, paper towels or other items not intended for disposal down the sewer line.
- Make sure all downspout collectors, foundation drains, yard drains, sump pumps and other sources of rainwater or groundwater do not go into your sanitary sewer connection.

Helpful Hint: Schedule an inspection and cleaning of your building sewer line when you renew your car registration! (Every two years).

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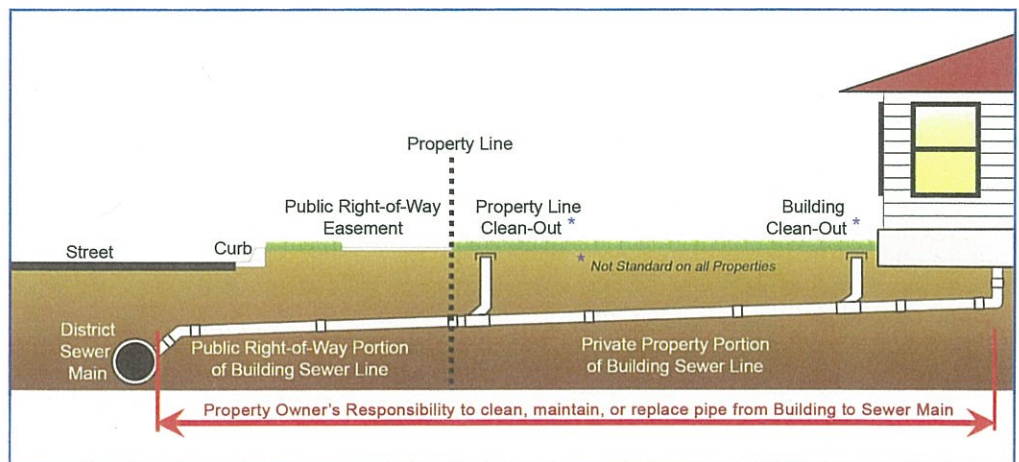
WHAT EVERY HOMEOWNER SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THEIR BUILDING SEWER LINE... AND PREVENTING BACKUPS!

What is a building sewer line (lateral)?

A pipeline intended to be used to convey wastewater and/or sewage from the building to the District sewer main.

Who is responsible for the building sewer line?

It is the building owner's responsibility to install, repair and maintain the building sewer line (lateral) up to and including the connection to the sewer main.



What are the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District's responsibilities?

The District is responsible for operating and maintaining more than 68 miles of sewer main lines; these are 8" – 30" lines with 1,893 manholes, (located in the streets rights-of-way or behind homes) and 10 sewage pump stations. The District maintenance staff routinely cleans, video inspects, repairs, replaces, control roots, enforces proper grease trap installation and maintenance, and inspects all repairs and new construction projects.