

# Protecting & Maintaining **YOUR SIDE SEWER LATERAL LINE**



Kitsap County Public Works  
**Sewer Utility**

## What components make up my sewer line connection?

### **A** Side Sewer Lateral Line

This is the portion of the sewer pipe that runs from the connection at the sewer main to the property line, typically a six-inch diameter.

### **B** Building Sewer Line

This is the sewer pipe that runs from the property line to the connection of the building or home, typically a four-inch diameter. The maintenance and repairs of this line are the responsibility of the home or building owner.

### **C** Sewer Main

This is the county sewer pipe that transports sewage from a property to a pumping station or to a sewage treatment facility. The side sewer line connects to the sewer main which is typically eight-inches or larger in diameter.

### **D** Sewer Cleanout

A sewer cleanout is a capped pipe which provides above ground access and allows homeowners to remove blockages in their building sewer line.

## Maintaining your sewer line

**D** **Locate & cap your sewer cleanout**—keeps rainwater, leaves, tree-limbs and soil from entering and clogging the sewer line.

**E** **Disconnect downspouts**—keeps excess rainwater from entering the sewer system and overwhelming your sewer line.

**F** **G** Occasionally have a professional inspect this line for cracks, leaks and possible tree root intrusion.



## How can I find out the condition of my building sewer line?

Find out the condition of the sewer line by hiring a plumber to perform a video inspection.

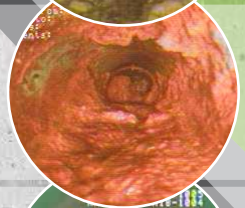
**Root Intrusion**



**Broken Line**



**Fats, Oils, and Grease in Line**



**Well Maintained Line**



## How can I find where my building sewer line is located on my property?

If your house or building is connected to the Kitsap County Sewer Utility then we can provide information on the location by examining the original sewer permit for the property, at no charge. Please call us at: **360.337.5777**

## Who should I contact if repairs are needed on my building sewer line?

It is highly recommended to use a licensed contractor that has been approved by the county. These contractors are trained and familiar with the county sewer standards. For a list of these contractors visit: [www.KitsapGov.com/ww/contractors.htm](http://www.KitsapGov.com/ww/contractors.htm)

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## Here are some other tips to help maintain and protect your sewer line:

Do NOT let items like these enter your sewer pipes

- Sanitary wipes
- Paper towels
- Hair
- Trash
- Feminine hygiene products
- Band-Aids
- Cotton swabs
- Pharmaceuticals
- Paint/Paint cleaners
- Toxic chemicals
- Grease
- Fats
- Oils
- Bones
- Excess food
- Produce stickers

