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.

**SEWAGE MANHOLE COVER**
Provides agency access to sewer system

**BOXED TO GRADE**
Labeled “SEWER” with water-tight plug or cap

**PROPERTY LINE CLEANOUT**
Provides access to the sewer line so that blockages can be removed (Two-way required by some districts)

**ROOF DRAIN**
NEVER connect roof drain to sewer

**HOME/BUILDING CLEANOUT**

**SEWER PIPE**

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

**UPPER LATERAL**
The upper lateral is sloped to provide gravity flow. Some buildings require pumps to lift waste water to public sewer system.

**LOWER LATERAL**

**SEWER MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY OF:**
- Public Agency
- Property Owner (You)

**BATHROOM**

**DO NOT** put the following down the drain:
- “Flushable” wipes
- Dental floss
- Hair
- Prescription drugs
- Cat litter
- Feminine products

**KITCHEN**

**ALWAYS** scrape the following into the garbage before dishwashing:
- Fats, oil, and grease
- Coffee grounds
- Egg shells

**YARD/MECHANICAL**

**DO NOT** put the following down any drain:
- Motor oil
- Pesticides
- Antifreeze
- Fertilizers

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

**QUESTIONS?**
Contact your local sewer agency.

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