

Sewer Maintenance Responsibilities

If you have a sewer back-up, call the City first at 530-757-5686 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., or after hours at 530-747-5400. City personnel will determine if the problem is in the city sewer main or sewer lateral (the pipe that transports the water used inside your home to the city's sewer system in the street). Homeowners are responsible for problems in the upper lateral section of the sewer lateral, the City is responsible for the lower lateral section. See the image below and visit CityofDavis.org/UO to learn more.

Lower Laterals (City) and Upper Laterals (Private)

The homeowner has the sole responsibility for clearing stoppages, inspecting, maintaining and repairing the upper sewer service lateral so as to maintain the upper lateral in a condition that avoids negative impacts to the operation and maintenance of the City's system.

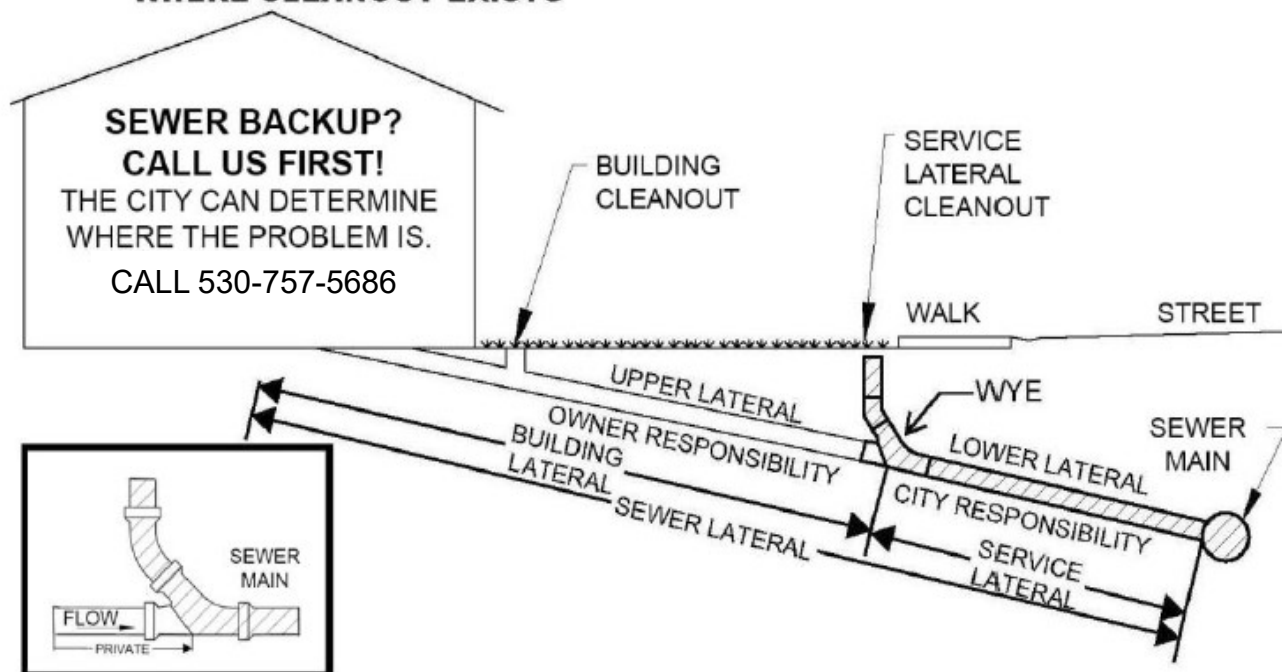
Care and maintenance of the upper sewer service lateral may include the following:

- The upper lateral should be kept free from roots, grease deposits, and other solids that may impede the flow or obstruct the transmission of waste.
- All pipes and joints should be tight and free of structural defects (such as cracks, breaks and missing portions) to prevent root intrusion, waste exfiltration, or infiltration of water.
- No drains or other devices that collect stormwater or surface water should be connected to the upper lateral.

Typically, the responsibility delineation between the upper and lower lateral is at the City cleanout. The illustration below is intended to delineate maintenance responsibility only. The area within the cross-hatch indicates the portion of the service lateral that the City is responsible for clearing, repairing or replacing. The area without cross-hatch marks indicates the portion of the sewer lateral that the homeowner is responsible for maintaining and repairing.

FRONT YARD SEWER LATERAL

MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR UPPER AND LOWER LATERAL WHERE CLEANOUT EXISTS

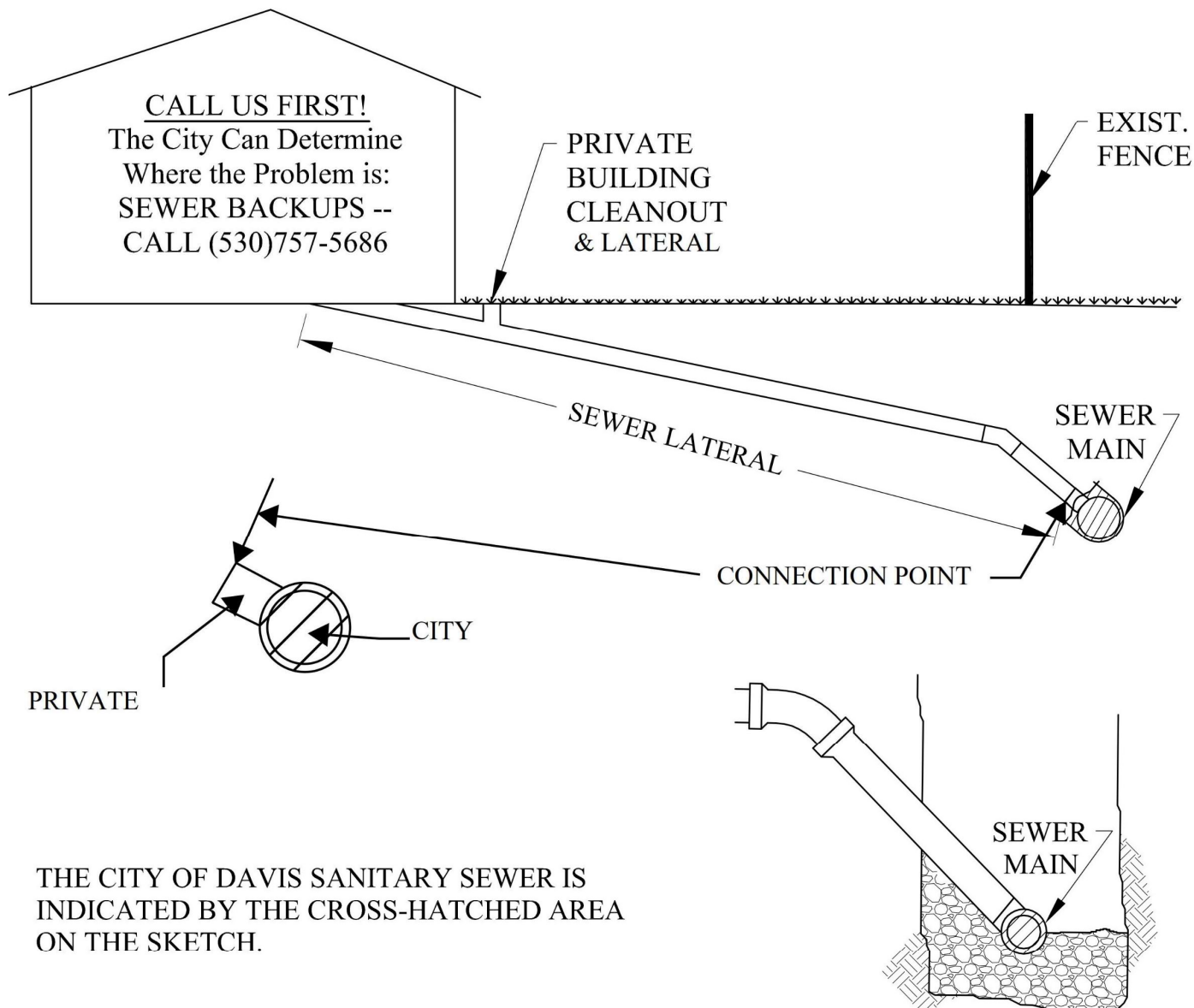


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Please Note: The city does not have a service cleanout nor service lateral in a backyard sewer main alignment.

BACK YARD SEWER LATERAL



THE CITY OF DAVIS SANITARY SEWER IS INDICATED BY THE CROSS-HATCHED AREA ON THE SKETCH.