

Maintain Access to Infrastructure

To connect with City services, most properties have City infrastructure on them: water meter boxes, sewer clean-outs, etc. Located in **easements** on private property, it is important that these necessary connections to City infrastructure are accessible to City staff to ensure they are maintained and working properly.

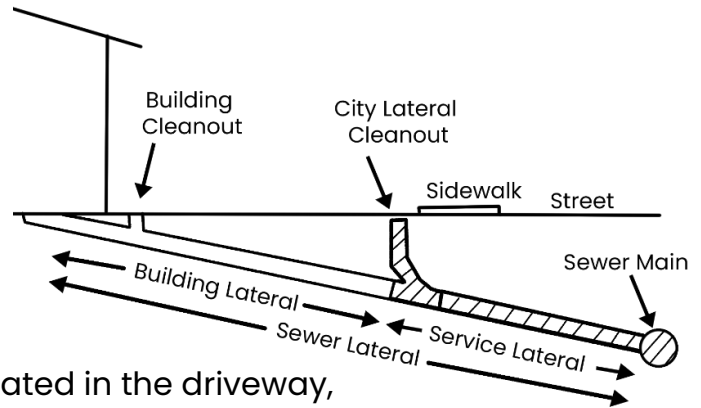
What is an easement?

An **easement** is a right granted to someone to use a piece of property belonging to a separate individual or entity for a specific purpose. The most common types of easements in real estate are those that grant road or utility access.

What kind of easements does my property have?

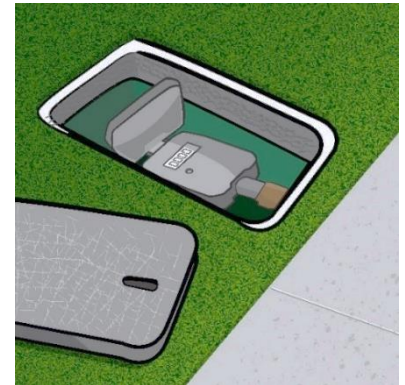
The most common easements in Davis are for the following:

Sewer Clean-Out: This is also typically located in front of the property and is where the City sewer line meets the private sewer lateral. In the case of a sewer back-up, the City needs to have immediate access to the sewer clean-out in order to make sure that wastewater can flow unimpeded from your property into the City wastewater system. Some properties do not have a sewer clean-out.



City Water Meter: Water meters are typically located in the driveway, or off to the side of the driveway, in the front yard where the City water service line connects with a private water service line, via a water meter that measures the amount of water used. The City needs to have access to the water meter box in order to check for leaks, take water meter readings and perform maintenance as needed.

City Trees: Many private properties have a City tree placed in their yard. This tree is planted and pruned by the City, but it is the responsibility of the property owner to water it. The City needs access to this tree in order to perform routine inspections and pruning. No fencing can be placed around a City tree, or swings or other items attached to the tree. For more information on how to care for trees, please see Trees.CityofDavis.org.



Backyard Easements: Some properties have sewer lines and other City infrastructure in their backyards. The City will need to enter these backyards in order to clear sewage blocks and perform other critical maintenance. More information on backyard infrastructure can be found at CityofDavis.org/Wastewater.

In order to provide access to critical services, it's important the City has access to these easements. **Please make sure that your water meter box, sewer clean-out or other surface level City infrastructure is accessible** and is not buried under dirt, rock, mulch, pavers or other items or is hidden behind or beneath plants or fencing. If the City needs access to these places, they will move and/or cut back whatever is blocking the access, and will not replace or repair damage to the material blocking access.