



## NOTICE

In accordance with the Fulton County Sewer Use Ordinance, the connection from the building (sewer lateral) to the main sewer line (public sewer) is the responsibility of the property owner. If the service line is blocked, the property owner will have the responsibility of removing the blockage, even if the blockage is located within a public road right-of-way (ROW) or within a sewer easement.

The Department of Public Works will assist in removing a blockage within the ROW or easement under the following conditions:

1. There is a serious threat to public health if the problem is not resolved as a matter of urgency and;
2. A private plumbing professional engaged by the property owner is present and;
3. The property owner signs a release (see attached), holding the County harmless against any damage that may occur while the County is assisting the owner's plumbing professional.

Root intrusion is a common cause of blockages within sewer systems. Tree roots in the immediate vicinity of the sewer system seek water and are attracted to the damp environment surrounding the piping. Even tiny openings can allow the roots penetrate a pipe joint. The most vulnerable area is at the transition between the 4" pipe (from the house to the edge of the ROW) and the 6" pipe (edge of the ROW to the public sewer line), usually located at the edge of the ROW or County easement. The solution to this problem is the installation of a solid-bodied transition fitting with a cleanout at the connection.

For repairs and installation of cleanouts within the ROW or County easement:

1. Only the County or a contractor approved by the County is authorized to install cleanouts or repair sewer service laterals within the ROW or easement.
2. The cost of installation/repairs undertaken on the sewer service lateral within the ROW or easement must be borne by the property owner.
3. The property owner will be required to pay the stipulated fee before any repair work is undertaken by the County. The fee for the installation of a cleanout is presently set at \$1,400.00. Depending on the nature of repairs within the ROW or easement, fees may be as high as \$2,400.00
4. Under no circumstances will the County repair sewer service laterals outside the ROW or easement.

For information on fees and general questions on this policy, please contact the following:

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