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Wastewater Collection System Sewer Maintenance Responsibilities

The responsibility for maintenance and repair of the lower and upper sewer service laterals and sewer main lines are described below.

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, sound, and free of structural defects (such as cracks, breaks and missing portions) to prevent root intrusion, waste exfiltration, or infiltration of groundwater or stormwater.
- No drains or other appurtenances 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.

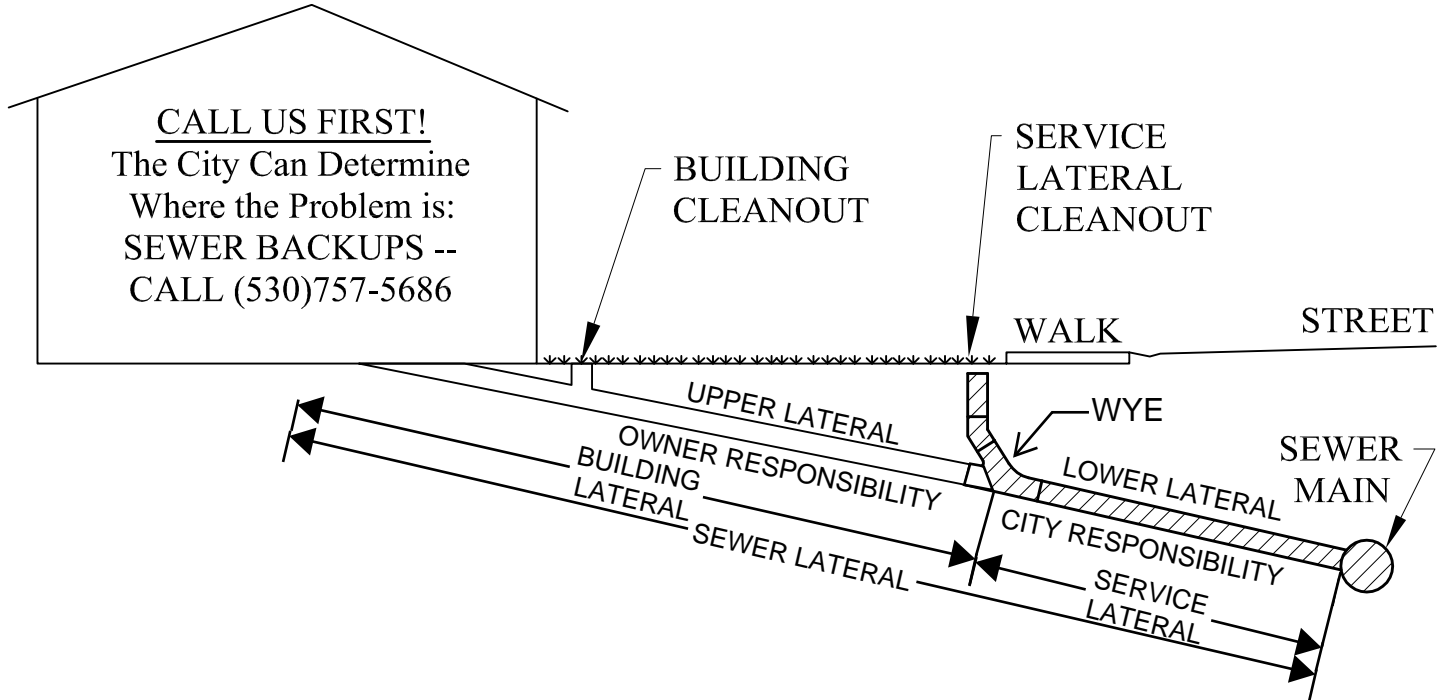
The illustrations included on the next page (Figure 1) are intended to delineate maintenance responsibility only.

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.

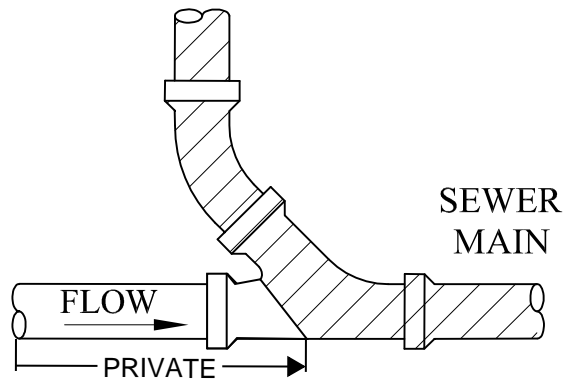
City-wide, the City is responsible for clearing stoppages and for inspecting, maintaining, and repairing service lateral cleanouts, maintenance holes and main lines.

FIGURE 1: FRONT YARD SEWER LATERAL

MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR UPPER AND LOWER LATERAL WHERE CLEANOUT EXISTS



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 Where the Problem is:
SEWER BACKUPS --
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THE CITY OF DAVIS SANITARY SEWER IS INDICATED BY THE CROSS-HATCHED AREA.

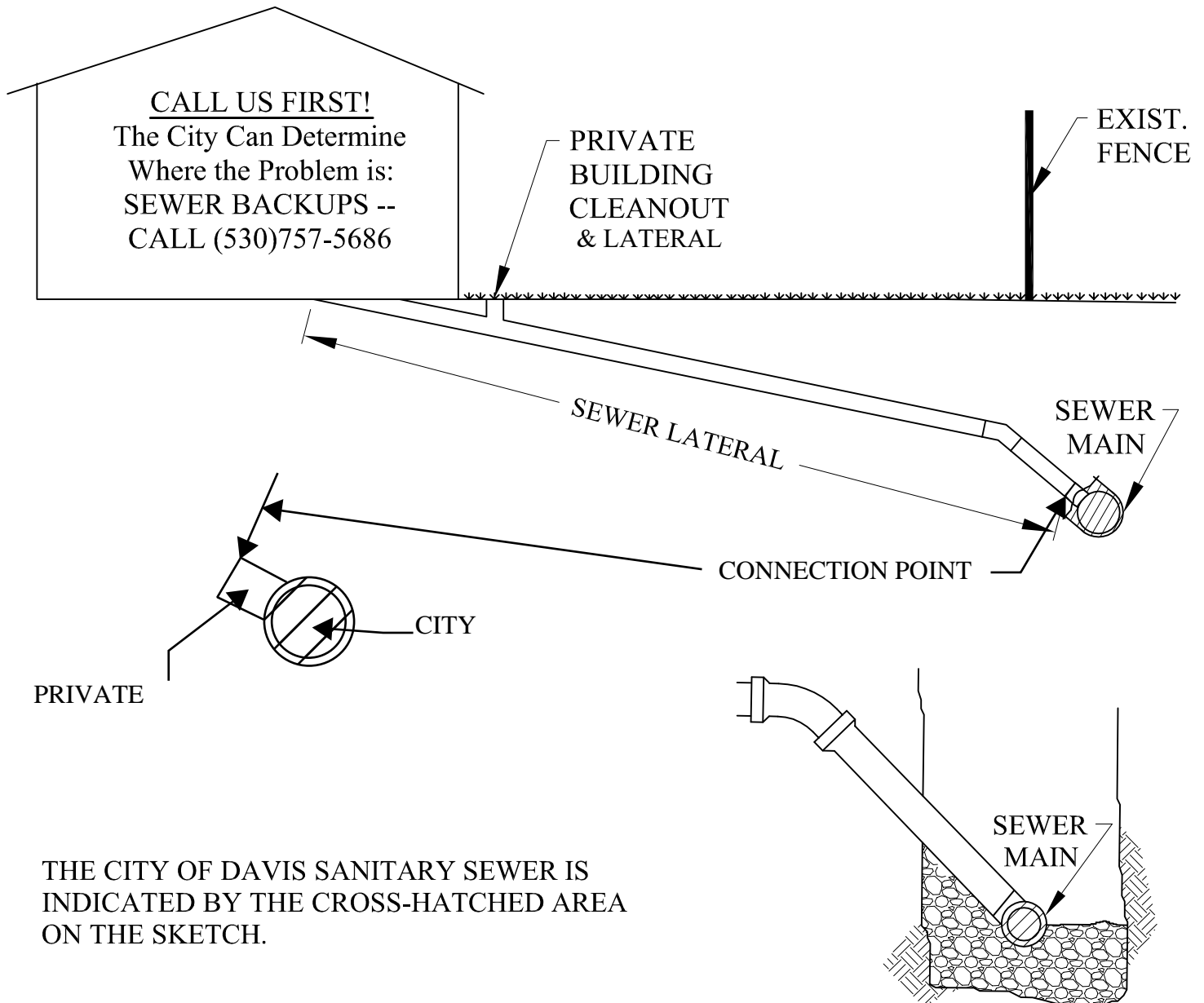
**SEWER LATERAL
 RIGHT-OF-WAY SERVICE**



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FIGURE 2: BACK YARD SEWER LATERAL

PROPERTY OWNER'S BACKYARD



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

NOTE:
THE CITY DOES NOT HAVE A SERVICE CLEANOUT NOR SERVICE LATERAL IN A BACKYARD SEWER MAIN ALIGNMENT.

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