# 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.

### **BOXED TO GRADE**

Labeled "SEWER" with water-tight plug or cap

**PROPERTY** 

LINE

**SEWER MAINTENANCE** 

**RESPONSIBILITY OF:** 

### **SEWER MANHOLE COVER**

Provides agency access to sewer system

**PIPELINE TO** 

TREATMENT PLANT

### 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** 

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

SEWER PIPE

### **UPPER LATERAL**

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

### BACKWATER PREVENTION DEVICE

Prevents sewage backup into home or building (Required per California Plumbing Code for some properties.)

KITCHEN

 Prescription drugs Feminine products

BATHROOM

**DO NOT** put the following down the drain:

"Flushable" wipes
 Dental floss

Hair

Cat litter

**ALWAYS** scrape the following into the garbage before dishwashing:

- Fats, oil, and grease
- Coffee grounds
- Egg shells

### **SUMP PUMP**

**NEVER** connect sump pump to sewer system

## YARD/MECHANICAL

**DO NOT** put the following down the any drain:

- Motor oil
  Pesticides
- · Antifreeze · Fertilizers

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



**PUBLIC AGENCY** 

**LOWER LATERAL** 

PROPERTY OWNER (YOU) ->



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