

Village of Plain City



Sewer System Do's and Don'ts

Your monthly water and sewer bills support the Village's treatment plants and conveyance lines. Homeowners also bear an additional expense in maintaining your own sewer lines. These lines generally run from the residence to the city right of way. There are several ways you can prevent blockage in the sewer system that affects us all.

DO's:

- Avoid the release of hair in to drains of showers, tubs, and wash basins to prevent clogs in the traps and drains.
- Clean and inspect rooftop vents to prevent clogging (bird nests) which may result in stoppages and could cause sewer gas to be released into your residence.
- Scrape grease and food residue from dishes and pans into garbage bay before washing. This will reduce grease build up in the sewer lines.
- Unclog drains naturally by pouring ½ cup of baking soda down the drain followed by ½ cup white vinegar; follow a minute later by boiling water.
- Locate the sewer line clean-out for your property; if you don't have one, install one. If you have sewer line that is older than 20 years, have it maintained at least once a year.
- Install a plumber's test plug in the lowest drain in your house to prevent back up.

DON'Ts:

- DO NOT put diapers or sanitary napkins in the toilet
- DO NOT dispose of grease down the drain
- DO NOT plant trees near sewer lines
- DO NOT connect any perimeter drains or sump pumps to the sewer system

Anything other than human waste in a sewer line had the potential to cause back up in a residence. Follow these steps to prevent sewer line back-ups.