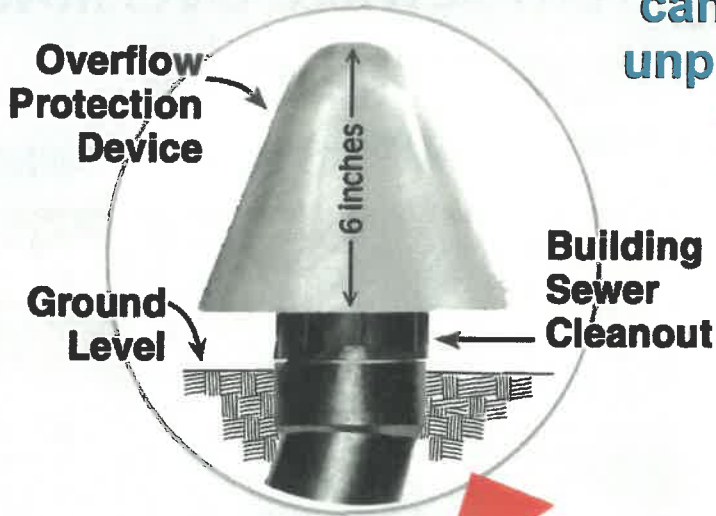


An Overflow Protection Device

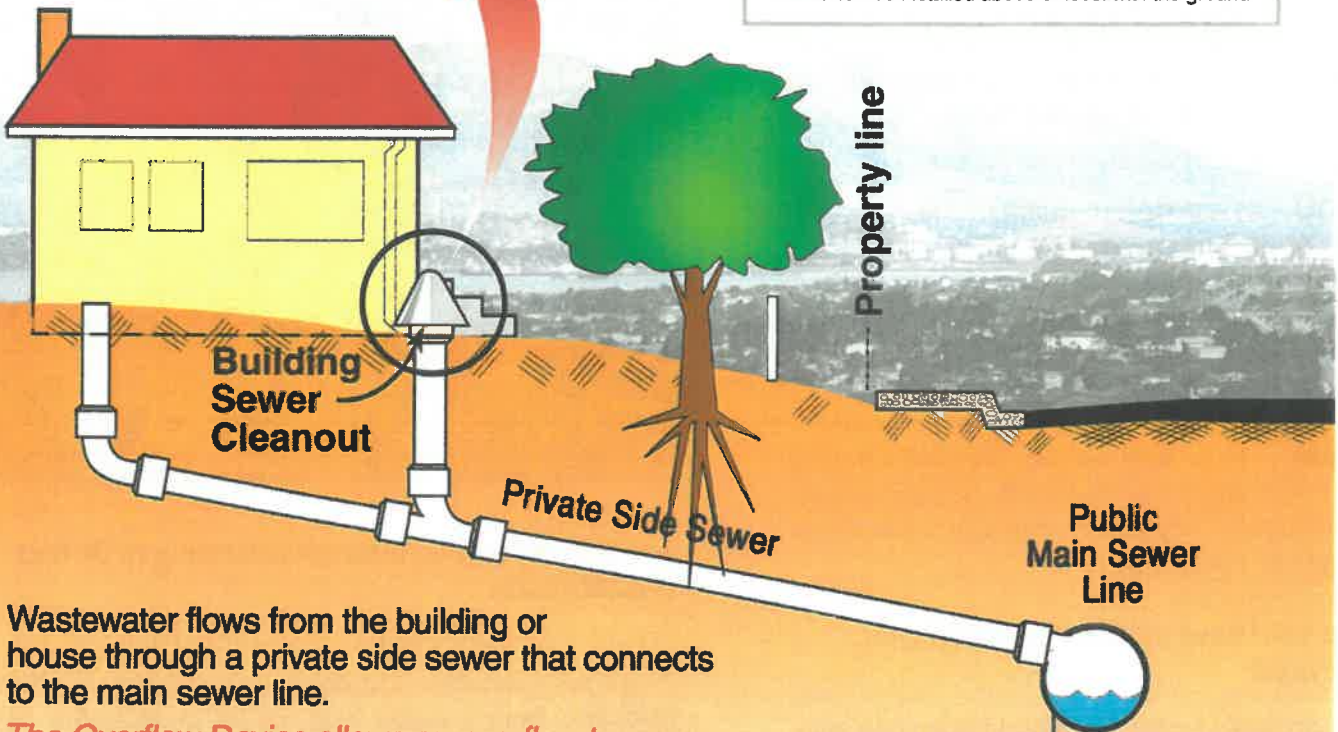
can save you from the very unpleasant and often costly experience of a sewage backup into your home.



Two popular types of OPDs



OPDs can be installed above or level with the ground



Wastewater flows from the building or house through a private side sewer that connects to the main sewer line.

The Overflow Device allows an overflow to occur outside the building rather than inside.

The property owner maintains this portion of the sewer, including the connection to the Public Main Sewer Line

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Protect **YOUR** Property from Sewage Overflows with an Overflow Protection Device

Most sewer overflows occur when sewer lines are blocked by roots, grease, debris, or breakage. Raw sewage can then backup into your home or business, resulting in property damage and environmental problems.

When you see or experience a sewage backup, report it to Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (CCCSD) at 925-933-0990.

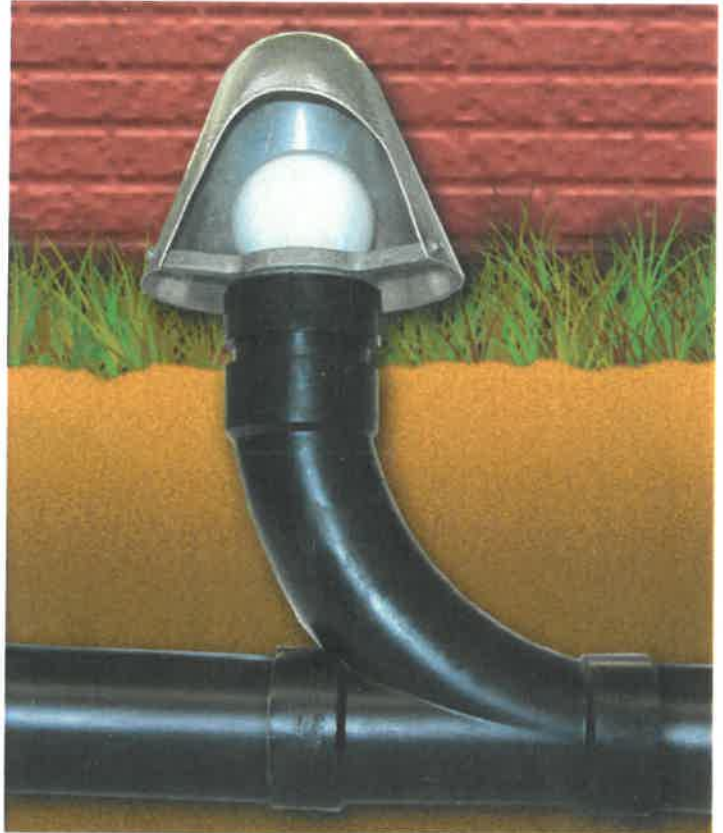
Our crew will respond within minutes, locate the blockage and determine if it is in the public sewer. If it is, the crew will remove the blockage and end the sewage overflow.

YOU – as a property owner – are responsible for your plumbing!

If the CCCSD crew determines that the problem is in your side sewer connecting your plumbing to the public sewer, it is YOUR responsibility, and CCCSD cannot remove the blockage or make repairs. You or your licensed plumber will need to make the necessary repairs. A CCCSD permit is required if any part of your side sewer needs repair or replacement.

Do YOU have an Overflow Protection Device?

To prevent sewage from backing up into your home or business, install an Overflow Protection Device! This device can prevent sewage from entering your home or business and reroute the spill to outside your building (see graphic on reverse). If you don't have one, it is in your best interest to install this device now.



The device must be installed according to District specifications.

CCCSD recommends that a licensed plumber install the device since elevation and location are critical to its proper operation. Once installed, keep the device accessible and free from obstructions (e.g., vegetation and dirt). For additional information, call the CCCSD permit counter at (925) 229-7371.

Where can you buy an Overflow Protection Device?

Overflow protection devices are available at most plumbing supply stores.

For more information, visit our website at
www.centalsan.org/sewersystem/overflow_prevent.html



AN APPLICANT'S GUIDE TO PROCEDURES FOR SIDE SEWERS:

PERMIT PROCESS – SEWER REPAIR

INTRODUCTION

The repair of an existing side sewer requires a permit from the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (CCCSD). The work may be performed by the property owner or by a properly licensed contractor who has been registered with CCCSD. The property owner may only repair the house sewer portion of the side sewer. Any work within a CCCSD easement or public right of way must be performed by a properly licensed contractor. Generally, detailed plans are not needed, however, a completed application with a sketch of the proposed work is required. All side sewer repair work done outside of the building will be inspected by CCCSD inspectors. More information is available on the CCCSD website (www.centraisan.org) or by calling the CCCSD Permit Counter at (925) 229-7371.

DEFINITIONS

- A. Side sewer – is the privately owned and maintained sewer which connects the plumbing system of the building to the public sewer. The side sewer begins at and includes the connection to the public sewer and terminates at the point of connection to the building plumbing system. "Side sewer" includes the lateral sewer and the house sewer.
- B. Lateral sewer – is that portion of the side sewer which is within the public right-of-way or CCCSD easement.
- C. House sewer – is that portion of the side sewer from the lateral sewer to its connection to the building plumbing system.
- D. Public sewer – is a main sewer which may have one or more side sewers connected to it. These sewers are normally 8 inches or larger in diameter.

PROCEDURES

- A. The applicant completes an Application for Side Sewer Repair and provides a plan or a sketch of the work to be performed.
- B. The application information is entered into the CCCSD system for the calculation of applicable fees, and future issuance of the required CCCSD permit.
- C. Once applicable CCCSD fees have been paid, CCCSD will issue a permit for the side sewer repair work to a properly licensed contractor, hired by the applicant, and registered with CCCSD. The CCCSD permit will be issued only at the CCCSD permit counter. The contractor will be responsible for all necessary side sewer work.
- D. Any side sewer work performed without a valid CCCSD permit will be subject to removal, reconstruction, and additional fees.
- E. If the property owner wishes to perform their own side sewer work, they can perform only that work which is located within their property. Specific requirements for "property owner" work are summarized in the "Property Owner Permit" handout.
- F. CCCSD inspection shall be arranged at least one (1) business day prior to performing any work. The CCCSD inspection team can be reached at (925) 229-7373.
- G. Sewer work may begin on the date of the scheduled CCCSD inspection. It is the responsibility of the permittee to arrange for the necessary CCCSD inspections as the work progresses. Work performed without CCCSD inspection will be subject to removal and reconstruction.