

What is a sewer lateral?

A sewer lateral is the underground pipe that connects a home or business to the main sewer line. Some local governments consider the entire connecting pipe to be the property of the homeowner or business owner.

In other places, a city or county will take responsibility for the section of a sewer lateral from the main line to the property line. Sewer laterals often make up more than half of the pipe in some systems. Unfortunately, the privately owned underground section of a lateral is often taken for granted until a problem erupts that can't be ignored -- such as raw sewage backing up into a home.

A number of things can compromise a sewer lateral. Foreign substances or objects like disposable diapers flushed down a toilet can sometimes create a clog. Tree roots can push through the side of a lateral. Or, over time, a very old sewer lateral pipe can simply corrode and crack.

E-Z Plumbing has years of experience in working with Sewer Laterals. We have successfully installed new sewer laterals for new home construction as well as repaired many for older homes. E-Z Plumbing can move or replace a damaged sewer lateral. We also can cable sewer laterals to clear out roots and clogs.

If you suspect an issue with your sewer lateral call E-Z Plumbing to have an expert check out your situation.