



TAKE ACTION

TO PREVENT COSTLY PLUMBING OBSTRUCTIONS

Poorly maintained sewer pipes can leak water, attracting plant roots into the pipes that contribute to sewer blockages. It is your responsibility to keep all obstructions and debris out of your private sewer line. Your private line runs from your house or building out to the City clean-out*—typically at or just beyond your property line.

Regularly scheduled preventive maintenance—at least every 2 to 3 years—will help you avoid costly damage.

(*Some homes don't have a clean-out. If unsure about whether you do, contact a plumber to check.)

MORE TIPS FOR AVOIDING SEWER-LINE PROBLEMS:

- Know where your sewer lines are and don't plant trees and shrubs with invasive root systems near them.
- Never put cooking grease or other fats down the drain.
- Never put solid materials including cement, diapers, rags or wipes down the toilet or other drains.



For sewer information, call (650) 496-6982 or visit
www.cityofpaloalto.org/sewer

For Palo Alto tree and root information, call
(650) 496-5953