

## SEWER LATERAL OWNERSHIP NOTICE

Did you know that YOU, as a property owner, own the sewer lateral that runs from your home or business to the City's sewer mainline? As a result, you have the responsibility to maintain your lateral. Maintaining the lateral includes keeping the lateral line flowing and free of debris from items such as roots or grease. It also includes making repairs to breaks in the line.

Laterals extend from the building or structure to the City's mainline in the street or easement (see attached depiction). Laterals typically range in size from four to six inches in diameter, and may be located within the public right of way, including under the sidewalk, park strip, and asphalt or concrete roadways. If you live in a private development, you will need to contact your homeowners association for clarification of ownership and or responsibility.

The Murray City wastewater collection system is a publicly owned system comprised of approximately 152 miles of underground pipes that range in size from 8 inches to 48 inches in diameter. Three main sewer pump stations keep the wastewater flowing to the Central Valley Wastewater Reclamation Facility. Sewer backups can cause tremendous damage to the interior of a home or business. In order to minimize this potential, the City provides continual maintenance services to keep the public sewer mainline running clear and free of debris. However, because the sewer laterals are entirely owned by the property owner(s) they serve, the City does not perform maintenance on these laterals. Unfortunately, because laterals are out of sight, they remain out of our minds and therefore are rarely serviced, until disaster strikes.

The purpose of this flyer is to educate you of this responsibility. In some instances, your property insurance may cover a break or damage to your sewer lateral. We suggest you review your policy to determine if you have coverage.

NOTE – Murray City does not offer any type of lateral insurance.

