



## CARSON CITY NEVADA PUBLIC WORKS

# Sewer Lateral

## WHAT IS A LATERAL? WHO OWNS IT?

A sewer lateral is the underground piping connection between the home or building sewer plumbing and the City's sewer collection system. In accordance with the Carson City Municipal Code, Title 12.05.050.5: "...this section does not affect the duty of the owners of property to install, maintain and repair sewer laterals in the public right-of-way or easement which serve their property." The property owner is responsible for ensuring the proper function of the sewer lateral which connects the home or building to the City's sewer main, usually located in the middle of the street. The property owner's responsibility includes the portion of the lateral within the street and the connection to the sewer main.

The building sewer typically has a cleanout that is accessible for the purposes of inspection, location, repair, or maintenance. If a sewage spill occurs due to a blockage or other malfunction of the lateral or building plumbing the property owner is liable.

