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## **Responsibility for lateral sewer lines**

When a failure or stoppage of a lateral sewer line occurs, please call the emergency number, 440.279.1970 or 1.866.286.7292 (after hours), and GCDWR will respond and check the sewer main line to verify that the sewer is open and flowing. Should the sewer main line be clear and flowing, it is the property owner's responsibility to call a licensed plumber or cleaning service to correct the problem.

If you believe your sewer line is clogged or sewage backs up into your basement or crawl space only when you run water in your home or business, the problem is most likely in your lateral sewer lines, and again, you should contact a licensed plumber.

Geauga County Department of Water Resources does not service lateral sewer lines, we are responsible for the operation and maintenance of the sewer main line(s). Please refer to 3.3.2 DUTY OF PROPERTY OWNER TO MAINTAIN, in the GCDWR Rules & Regulations (link below).

<http://www.gcdwr.org/index.htm/files/Rules%20and%20Regulations%202015.pdf>