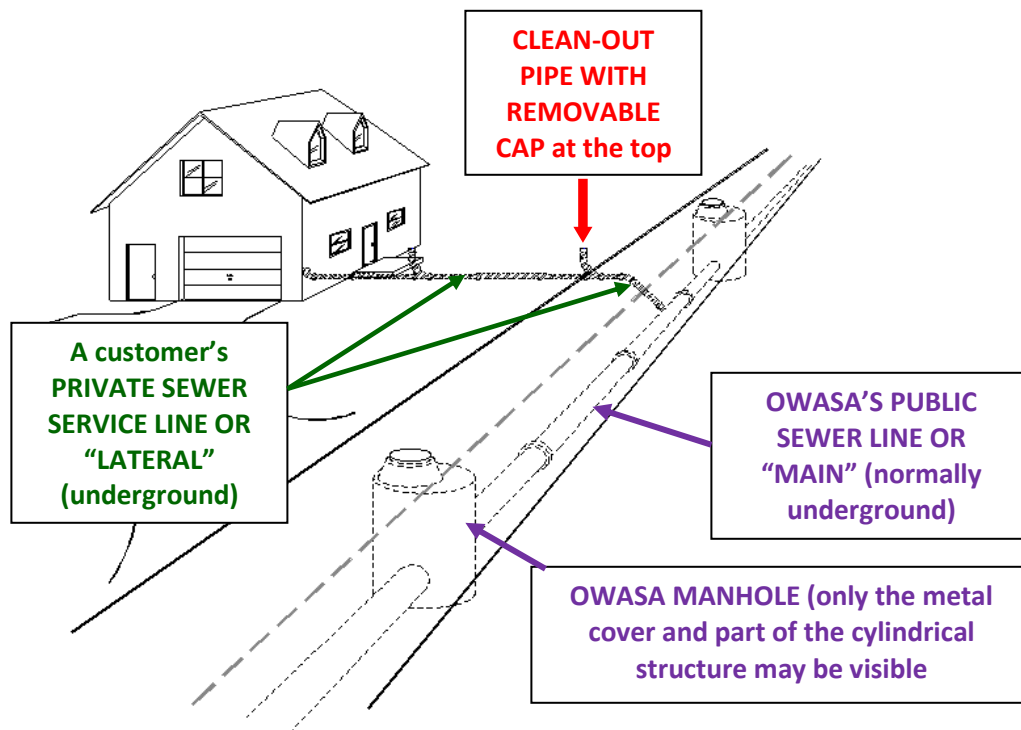




ORANGE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

A public, non-profit agency providing water, sewer and reclaimed water services to the Carrboro-Chapel Hill community.

THE “CLEAN-OUT” PIPE AND CAP FOR A PRIVATE SEWER SERVICE LINE



Private sewer service pipes or “laterals” which carry sewage to OWASA’s public sanitary sewer should have a vertical clean-out pipe with a removable cap.

The **CLEAN-OUT PIPE** makes it easier to do maintenance such as removing blockages from the lateral. The clean-out pipe is often installed near the boundary between private property and the public street right-of-way. The public street right-of-way normally includes several feet on each side of a roadway.

The **CAP ON THE CLEAN-OUT PIPE** prevents stormwater, trash and debris from getting into the lateral and then the public sewers.

OWASA’s sanitary sewers are not designed to carry stormwater. If stormwater gets into an OWASA sewer, the stormwater may exceed the capacity of the pipe and an overflow from a manhole may result.

Debris and trash which get into a sewer may block the flow of sewage inside the pipe and cause an overflow of wastewater.