

Homebuyers Guide to Sewer Systems

Buying a new home? This guide will provide you with information concerning public sewer systems, types of service, and the homeowners responsibilities.



Step 1: Is the home already serviced by a publicly owned sewer utility and how to determine.

The Morehead Utility Plant Board provides sewer service in Rowan Co., along with parts of Bath and Fleming County as well. Not all homes with a sewer main nearby are connected to the public system. Below are some common indicators that the home is serviced by a public sewer company. You can also contact our office and provide the home address to see what services exists.



Sewer Cleanout
Used for maintenance access to a sewer lateral



Sewer Grinder
When gravity sewer is not available, this unit can be used to deliver sewer from your home to our main line in the street



Sewer Marker
Markers can indicate buried utility services near your home which are owned by the company

Step 2: What are the rules pertaining to sewer use

Sewer Use rules are located in the City of Morehead Code of Ordinances. They give home/business owners guidance on such things as who owns what part of the sewer piping, what type of connections are not allowed such as certain floor drains or roof guttering, and what kind of waste is not allowed to enter the sewer system like paint, grease or fuels.

Scan the QR code for a link to the ordinance webpage.



Step 3: What happens if a sewer problem occurs

Managing a sewer backup? Call us first!

If sewer water is backing up in your home or yard, it is an emergency. Our professional crews are available 24/7 to assist you in determining if the backup is a MUPB problem or the home owners problem. Scan the code to the right to learn more about managing sewer backups



It's always a good idea to have the sewer plumbing inspected periodically. This may include the use of a pipe camera to confirm the inside condition of your sewer line that connects to our main or grinder. If not properly maintained, your sewer lateral may have buildup from roots, grease or products that are prohibited; or even become broken down with age or ground settlement. All of these conditions can lead to sewer backups into your home.

What if the backup and/or cleanup is my responsibility?

If the backup is determined to be a result of a problem with homeowners lateral or their plumber has caused damage that created or worsened the backup, the homeowner will be responsible. This includes not only repairing the problem but also the clean up and associated damages to their home and/or personal items. This may not be covered by your homeowners insurance unless it has been specifically added to your policy. Other insurance companies offer coverage of the cost of sewer lateral repair and/or maintenance. Below is a list companies in the area that provide cleanup or lateral insurance.

Cleanup
Servpro
Paul Davis Restoration

Lateral Protection Insurance
HomeServe

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