

## What if I Use Water in My Basement?

Your lateral will most likely be connected near the surface of the ground at a plumbing outlet outside your home. Your lateral will need to flow by gravity to the public sewer line. If you use water in your basement for a utility sink or clothes washer, you may have to use a small pump to push the wastewater to the same level as your lateral.

## Financial Resources

- USDA 504 Program:
  - Can be used for renovations to bring a home up to health code standards
  - Over age 62 can apply for a grant
  - Contact Vince Maloney 317/295-5774
- GLCAP's Revolving Loan Fund:
  - Can be used for wells and septic repairs and replacements
  - Contact Angie McConnell 800/775-9767

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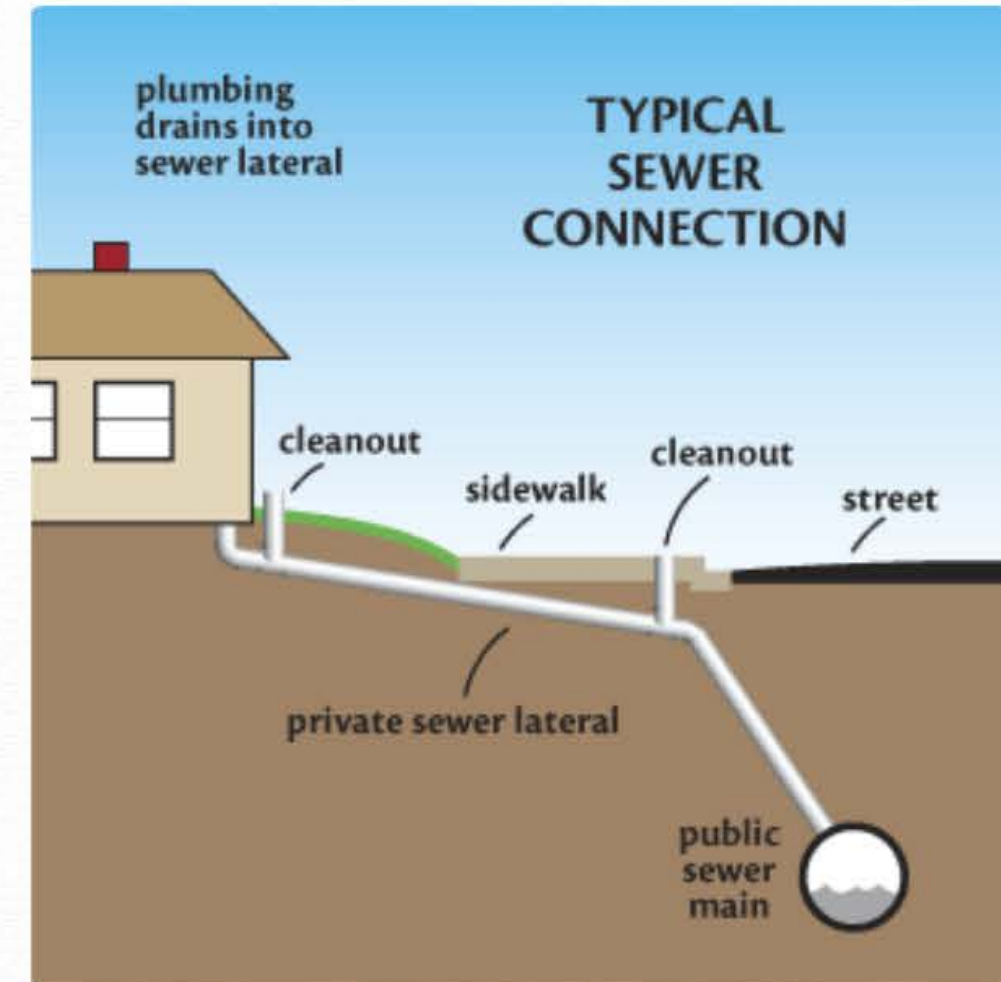
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## CONNECTING TO THE NEW SEWER

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## What Does the New Sewer Mean to Me?

As a homeowner, you are responsible for connecting your home to the sewer line stub (connection point). Contact your county health department for local plumbing/excavating contractors' information. The stub will be made available to you on the public sewer line.

- All plumbing will be connected to the lateral pipe connecting to the stub.
- The lateral may come out the back and around the house, if clean-outs are installed at the 45 degree bends.
- The lateral cannot be driven on, paved over, or have a structure built on top of it.
- The lateral must be 50 feet from your private well or 10 feet from your city water service line.



## What is "Septic Abandonment"?

You will be required to abandon your current onsite septic system. The tank must be pumped and the lid must be crushed and filled with pea gravel or other granular material. The Indiana Department of Health has protocol for proper abandonment. Ask your local health department for this information if you are not given this with your lateral permit.

## What is a "Lateral"?

A lateral, also known as a "building sewer", is the pipe that connects your home to the public sewer line. Specifications for the lateral will be given to you by the sewer utility when you apply for the permit to install the lateral. You will no longer use your septic system once connected to the public sewer system.

## What Needs to be Connected?

Every wastewater source in the home must be connected to the lateral except sources of rain or ground water. The lateral must be connected to the public sewer. Every homeowner will be required to connect the following to the lateral:

- Kitchen, bathroom or other sinks
- Toilets, bathtubs and showers
- Clothes washer
- Dishwasher

## What are "Illegal Connections"?

The following sources of water are considered illegal connections and will not be allowed to be connected to the public sewer:

- Cellar drainage
- Swimming pool drainage
- Water-cooled A/C system
- Any storm water or surface water roof drains, foundation drains, sump pumps or area drains

