

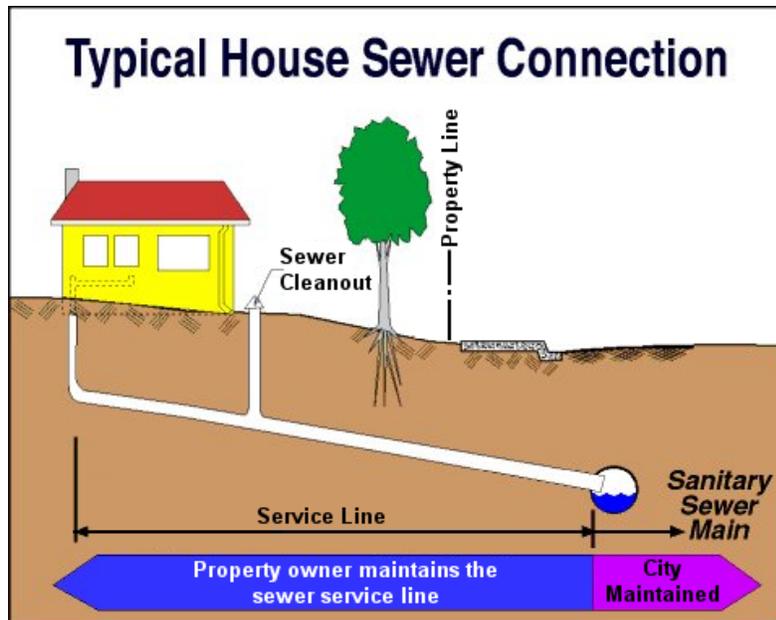
Typical Sanitary Sewer Connections

Household plumbing collects all drains from sinks, showers, tubs, toilets, laundry machines, dishwashers, and other appliances and routes them to a sanitary sewer service line. The service line is typically a four-inch diameter pipe.

In Pueblo, the Municipal Code specifies that the property owner owns the sewer service line, including the sewer tap itself (Section 16-3-8).

If a break or blockage occurs anywhere in the service line, the property owner is responsible for the cost of repair. Please note that a problem in the service line might occur outside the property line.

If the problem is in the service line, even outside the property line, the responsibility for repair still rests with the property owner.



Property Owner Responsibilities

Property owners are responsible for maintaining their sewer service lines in operable condition. If there are periodic blockages or times when drains work slowly because of sags or breaks in the service line or roots invading the service line, it is the property owner's responsibility to provide repairs. Many property owners with vitrified clay service lines have periodic drain cleaning services performed to keep the service line free from roots. Property owners are also responsible for keeping the caps on their sewer cleanouts.