

# Avoid sewage backups – maintain your side sewer

Rain doesn't belong in the sewer, but it can get in through:

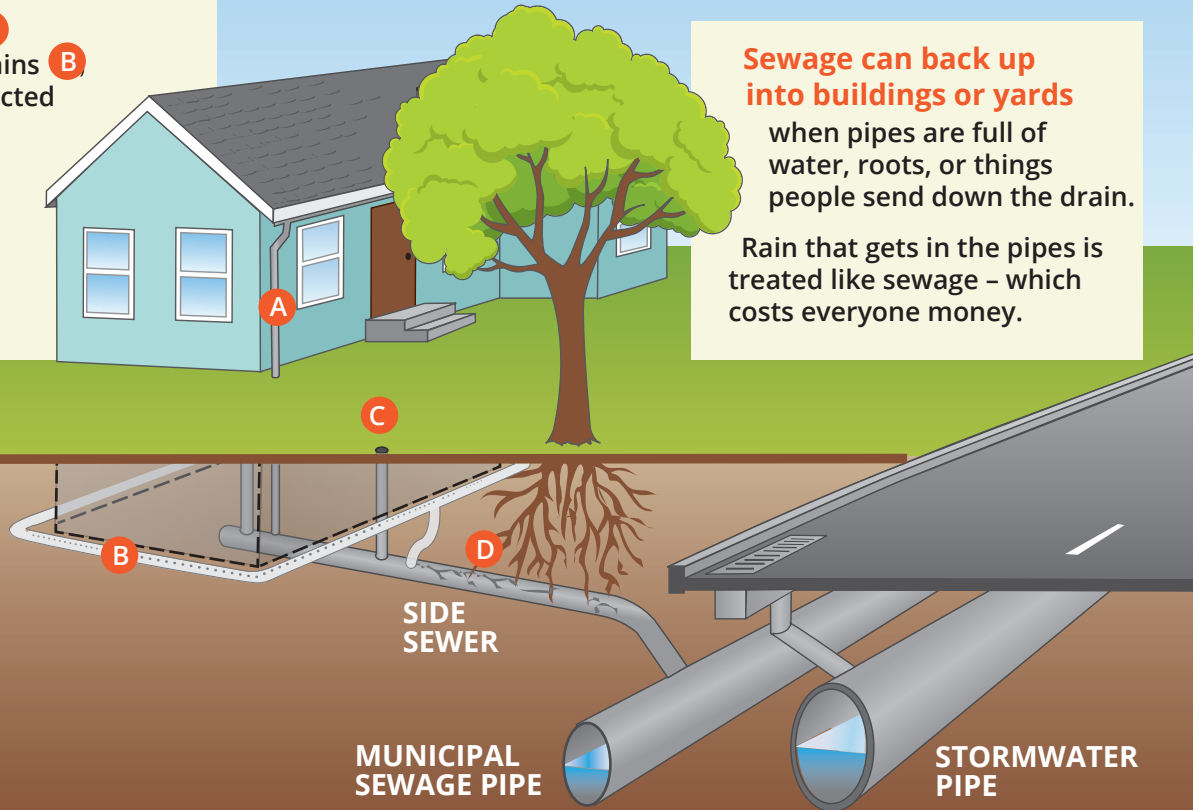
- roof drains **A**
- foundation drains **B** that are connected to the sewer
- uncapped cleanouts **C**
- cracks in the pipes **D**

The side sewer is the pipe that carries sewage from the building to the municipal sewage pipe. It belongs to the property owner.

Sewage can back up into buildings or yards

when pipes are full of water, roots, or things people send down the drain.

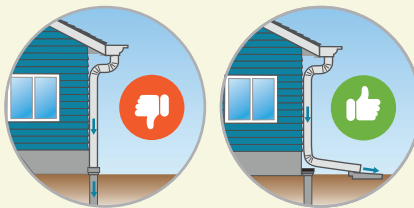
Rain that gets in the pipes is treated like sewage – which costs everyone money.



## Here's what to do



**Ask your plumber or contractor to inspect your side sewer** – they will send a TV camera into your pipe. Get your pipe repaired if it needs it. Get this inspection before buying a house.



**Disconnect your roof drain or foundation drain from the sewer.** In most places, these should not connect to the sewer.



**Don't flush trash or send fats, oils or grease down the drain.**

Learn more at: [www.kingcounty.gov/ManageRain](http://www.kingcounty.gov/ManageRain)

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