

SEWER CONNECTION MAINTENANCE

§ 17-121 MAINTENANCE OF SEWER CONNECTION.

(a) Whenever sewer service to any building or premises becomes clogged, broken, out of order, or in any condition detrimental to the use of the sewer and it is determined that the main is flowing and that the difficulty lies within the premises or between the premises and the main, no action shall be taken by the town until the owner or occupant of the premises shall first employ a licensed plumber and, if necessary to determine the cause of the difficulty, shall cause the plumber to rod the sewer line to the main, if possible, and correct the defect. If the plumber cannot correct the defect but is able to determine that the defect is in that portion of the sewer line lying between the main and the right-of-way of the street and so notifies the town with a full explanation of why he or she believes the defect lies between the main and edge of the street right-of-way, then the town shall, at the point of stoppage as reasonably possible, open the pipe, rod and clean out the pipe, and shall install a cleanout. It shall be the responsibility of the owner of the premises to pay the town the cost of all materials used in installing the cleanout. Thereafter, the owner of the premises shall be responsible for maintenance of the line between the main and the street right-of-way, except as described below, using the installed cleanout as a means of correcting defects. If the defect is determined by the town to be in the portion of sewer line lying between the main and the street right-of-way, or that portion which is installed by the town as a part of the tap installation and that the installation of a cleanout will not resolve or has not resolved the defect, then the town shall take the steps necessary to correct the defect including replacement of a portion or all of the line as necessary between the main and the street right-of-way boundary to ensure as standard as possible an installation with the fewest number of angled turns in the line.

(b) Employees of the town shall not make repairs on private property or place sewer solvent in commodes, vents, and the like, but, if needed, it may be put into the line at the point at which the cleanout is being installed. Town employees shall not give sewer solvent to any persons whomsoever for use inside residences or other structures.