

# Avoid sewage backups – maintain your side sewer

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

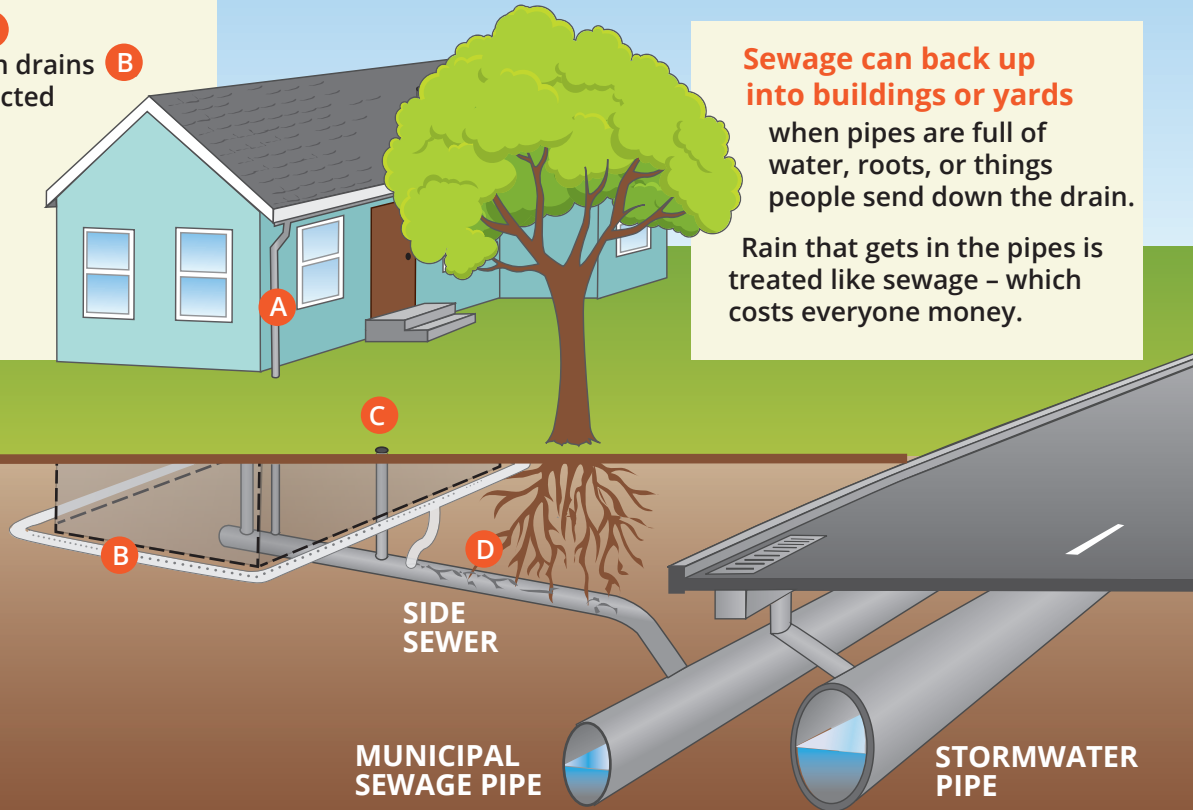
- roof drains **A** and foundation drains that are connected to the sewer **B**
- uncapped cleanouts **C**
- cracks in the pipes **D**

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.

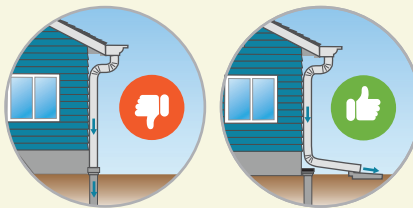
Rain that gets in the pipes is treated like sewage – which costs everyone money.



## 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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