

Rules for Sewer Lateral Line Plugging and Capping

(Section 2.06 of the Meadville Area Sewer Authority's *Rules and Regulations – 2004*)

When a structure is to be demolished or otherwise disconnected from the sanitary sewer system, the property owner shall be responsible for plugging or capping the sanitary sewer lateral and for paying all associated costs. The sanitary sewer line shall be plugged or capped at or before the time of demolition. The property owner shall obtain the applicable permit for sewer plugging and capping from the Authority prior to the plugging or capping of the sewer line. (Contact Gary Johnson in the Planning & Development Office at (814) 333-3351 for a Plugging Permit.)

The sanitary sewer lateral shall be exposed and the line severed as close as possible to the boundary of the property line with the public roadway or sanitary sewer easement. In the event that the lateral sewer line is constructed with plastic material, the owner has the option of capping the line with an approved capped (i.e. cap is constructed of material identical to the pipe material) that is properly glued.

In the event the lateral sewer line is constructed with a non-plastic material, the line shall be plugged with non-shrink cement grout such as "Water plug" or approved equal. The cement shall completely plug the pipe and fill the pipe in its entirety for approximately 18 inches in length. The cement shall not be allowed to enter or obstruct in any way the mainline sewer. The property owner at his expense shall repair any obstructions in the mainline sewer caused by installation of the plug.

In the case where two or more buildings are connected to the same lateral line, the lateral line shall be plugged or capped just upstream of any other lateral connections. Where it is impractical to plug or cap the lateral at the aforementioned locations, the Authority will consider exceptions to these requirements and may approve an alternate plugging or capping location on a case-by-case basis.

The property owner shall provide notice to the Authority that includes a description of the proposed plugging or capping installation location and method. The Authority or its designated agent must inspect the installation of the sewer plug or cap. Billing for sanitary sewer service will continue until the plug or cap installation has been properly inspected and approved by the Authority.