



Homeowner Tip

Tree roots are especially invasive in sewer service lines during times of droughts. If you experience a sewer line back up or a slow flowing sewer line, this may be symptomatic of a service line blockage. Please notify the District's management company, Simonson & Associates, Inc., at 303-674-3379, extension 3, when you clean or have your service line cleaned by commercial companies. If a back-up occurs after normal business hours or on weekends or holidays, please call the District's maintenance company, C&L Backhoe Excavating, Inc., at 303-791-2521. They are available 24 hours per day. The District has found that removal of service line blockages such as tree roots are often pushed into the District's main sewer line and may cause blockages in the main line. If a blockage in your service line causes a blockage in the main sewer line, you could be liable for subsequent damages to other properties. Calling the District allows our maintenance staff to check the manholes and lines and remove any potential blockage before it causes a problem.

There are several methods for removing roots from a service line including root sawing which is a mechanical operation and chemical removal. Root sawing is most effective for lines that are partially blocked or fully blocked. Cutting the roots is much like pruning a tree, it does remove the roots, but they will come back. Regular cleaning and root sawing may be required to keep the line functioning properly. Another choice is to use a chemical treatment. This option works more as a preventative program. The District does not recommend any particular product or company, but we do require that any chemical product be EPA approved. Products with Copper Sulfate are not allowed under any conditions. Products which contain dichlobenil as the active ingredient are acceptable products. If you intend to use this process please be sure to use products that meet these requirements. Video inspection of service lines may be necessary if you have continual problems. If you have a company perform a video inspection on your service line, be sure to request a copy of the video for your records.