



## *City of Bedford*

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1. Property owners are responsible for maintaining sewer laterals to the main. Excavation permit and bond are required when digging in or disturbing any street, alley or sidewalk. The Planning Department at 1102 16<sup>th</sup> Street Bedford, IN, 812-275-1631 issues those permits.
2. Property owners are responsible for clearing blockages in the entire length of the sewer laterals that serve their property. Following are some simple steps you can follow to prevent sewer backups on your property:
  - **DON'T** dispose of grease in the drain
  - **DON'T** flush paper products (disposable diapers, paper towels, etc.)
  - **DON'T** plant trees near your sewer lateral
  - **DON'T** connect french drains, roof downspouts, sump pumps, driveways, parking lots or other sources of surface runoff or groundwater directly into the sewer line. This violates city ordinance and can be fined not less than \$100 or nor more than \$2,500
  - **DO** install a Backwater Prevention Valve
  - **DO** maintain the cleanout on your property

