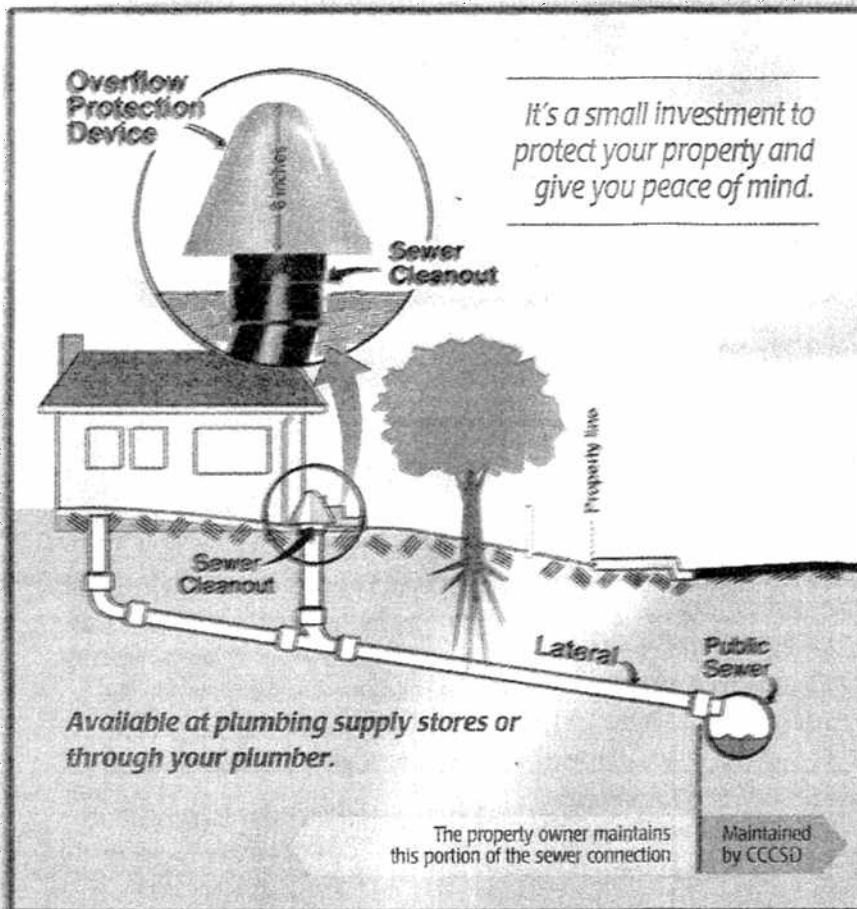


Protect Your Property From a Sewage Overflow

Wherever a sewer system exists, so does the potential for overflows.



This inexpensive device can protect your property.

Sewage overflows can occur when pipes are blocked or restricted by roots, grease buildup or other obstacles that cause wastewater to back up in the pipe and spill from the first outlet it comes to. In most cases, that outlet is a manhole; but sometimes it can be a drain inside your home. Installing an overflow protection device can help to prevent this. The device causes wastewater backing up in the pipe to be released outside your home, rather than through drains inside (unless the blockage is between the device and your home).

The device is required by CCCSD Code, and is available at plumbing

supply stores. Most models cost about \$55. Because position and elevation are crucial for the device to function properly, we recommend it be installed by a licensed plumbing contractor. Once installed, it should be kept clear of obstructions such as dirt or vegetation that might interfere with its operation.

It's a small investment to protect your property and give you peace of mind.

For more information about this important device, please visit our web site at http://www.centrialsan.org/sewersystem/overflow_prevent.html or call the CCCSD Permit Counter staff at (925) 229-7371. ❖

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL DISTRICT CUSTOMERS

The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) offers free Overflow Protection Devices (OPDs) to residents of nine Bay Area counties, including Contra Costa County. Unfortunately, these free devices do not meet Central Contra Costa Sanitary District's Code standards and may not protect your home from a sewage overflow. The District would not be liable for any overflow damage to properties inadequately protected by this free OPD.

Installation of a District-approved OPD is required for all sewer connections in the CCCSD service area. The District's Approved Materials List allows two styles of OPDs: a "mushroom" type device or a sewer popper device. The spring-loaded device from ABAG is not acceptable by District standards.

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