

# Keep the Sewer Lines Free From Debris!

## What Is the Issue?



The photos to the left and right show examples of construction debris that often gets into the sewer system and causes problems. Debris includes such things as pulverized pavement, plaster, shingles, plastic, wood, tools, garbage, and other items. These items get into the manholes and lines either by being forgotten accidentally, or by being dumped intentionally - and illegally.



This picture shows a sanitary sewer overflow, or SSO, that was the result of construction debris getting into the sewer system.



In an SSO, debris forms a blockage that causes untreated sewage to escape out of a manhole and into the environment, where it can pose a health threat to humans, animals, and the environment. Untreated sewage can carry human waste and disease-causing bacteria.



Don't throw away or leave your construction debris in the sewer system! Instead, obtain a dumpster and keep it on-site to dispose of your debris safely and properly.



You can also help make debris removal easy by installing a sewer trap (left) and/or 2 plywood "half-moons" (right) that catch the debris before it causes a blockage in the sewer system. The caught debris can then be vacuumed out easily.



## What Are the Consequences?

Construction debris in your project's sewer lines (like these bricks)



- Delayed approval of plans
- Cost of debris removal
- Lost money due to lost time
- Possible referral to District Attorney if you refuse to remove debris

SSO due to construction debris in the sewer lines (bottom left corner)



- Lost money due to fines
- Lost money due to damage to construction site
- Possible prosecution under Clark County Code or Federal Clean Water Act regulations

**Minimize or even eliminate delays, messes, and unnecessary costs by keeping the sewer lines free from debris!**