

**Q: Do I have to keep the drainage or sewer easement on my property open and free of bushes, trees, swing sets, sheds, etc.?**

**A:** A substantial portion of Wyckoff's sanitary sewer system and storm sewer system runs through private property (rear yards and side lawns) and many of these sewer lines exist on formal easements. These sewer lines must remain readily accessible for repairs and maintenance, particularly on an emergency basis. We never know when work will be necessary to correct a problem in our home or that of a neighbor.

If a sewer easement runs through your property, please ensure that there can be no obstructions which limit access. Please ensure manholes are visible and unencumbered. Obstructions we have encountered include buildings, sheds, large plantings, fences, walls, pools, patios, other similar structures. Our Building Department allows construction permits for fences to be located on the perimeter or through an easement only if: 1) the homeowner signs a statement allowing the Township to remove the fence for an emergency or repair work; and 2) the homeowner bears the cost of reinstalling the fence.

Please consider these requirements before you begin a building or landscaping project. If you have any questions, please contact the Engineer's office at 891-7000, ext. 301 and he will be happy to help.