

Sewer Spill Information & Release Form

The City of Hopewell is responsible for unstopping and clearing blockages located in the City sewer main. City personnel (with property owners / occupants approval) may clean up or arrange to have sewer spills occurring on or in private property cleaned up as a service to the property owner / occupant provided the following conditions are met:

1. Owner / occupant authorizes cleanup personnel (City of Hopewell or private contractor) to enter the property.
2. Property owner / occupant acknowledges the clean up activities undertaken by the City are not considered as an acknowledgement by the City for liability for the spill. Specific liability will be determined by the City's Risk Management Office.
3. City of Hopewell is released from liability for minor property damage (ruts, broken shrubs, etc.) caused by the clean up team.
4. Property owner / occupant agrees to pay clean up cost if the determination is made that the City of Hopewell is not liable for the spill or the blockage causing the spill.

The City of Hopewell will provide cleaning and disinfecting services without acknowledging liability for the spill, if requested by the property owner / occupant. The Public Works Department on call supervisor is responsible for determining the level of service to be provided.

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Property owners / occupants must:

1. Acknowledge in writing that they have read and understand the contents of this document.
2. Authorize City of Hopewell or contractors called by the City of Hopewell to enter their property.
3. Acknowledge that the City's Risk Management Officer will make a determination of liability for the spill.
4. Agrees to assume responsibility for clean up cost, if problem determined to not be the fault of the City.
5. Address all claim questions to the City's Risk Management Officer at 541-2298.
6. Not interfere with clean up personnel in the performance of their duties.

Owner / Occupant _____

Date _____

I decline the City of Hopewell's offer to provide or have contractor provide sewer clean up service.

Owner / Occupant _____

Date _____

Witness / Title _____