

MERCER COUNTY

SPRINGFIELD

== TOWNSHIP, EST 1805 ==

PROCESS TO CAP OR PLUG SEWAGE LINES

When a structure is to be demolished or disconnected from the sanitary sewer system in Springfield Township, Mercer County, the following procedures must be followed:

1. The **property owner** shall give notice to the Springfield Township Road Foreman, or his designee, of the proposed plugging or capping location at least **24 hours** in advance.
2. The **property owner** and Springfield Township Road Foreman, or his designee, will discuss the location to cut and cap the sanitary sewer lateral.
3. The **property owner** shall be responsible for plugging or capping the sanitary sewer lateral and for paying all associated costs.
4. The **property owner** shall be responsible for any costs occurred by obstructions in the mainline sewer caused by installation of a plug.
5. The sanitary sewer line shall be plugged or capped at or before the time of demolition.
6. If the sewer lateral line is constructed of plastic material, the property owner shall cap the line with material identical to the pipe material and it must be properly glued together.
7. If the sewer lateral line is constructed of non-plastic material, the line shall be plugged with non-shrink cement grout. The cement shall completely plug the pipe and fill the pipe approximately 18 inches in length. Concrete shall be installed around the cap and over the pipe to ensure it is not penetratable by groundwater.
8. Any paved surfaces that are disturbed shall be replaced in the same condition prior to excavation.
9. If two or more buildings are connected to the same lateral line, the line shall be plugged or capped just upstream of any other lateral connections.
10. Where it is impractical to plug or cap the lateral, the Springfield Township Road Foreman, or his designee, will consider exceptions and may approve an alternate plugging or capping on a case-by-case basis presented by the **property owner**.
11. The Springfield Township Road Foreman, or his designee, must be present and inspect the sewer plug or cap during the installation.