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Notice of Policy Change

The City of Douglasville has resumed inspections of the building sewer line effective as of March 3, 2008. A separate sewer line inspection shall be called in prior to the back filling of any building sewer line trench. Note that it is both the General Contractor and the Plumbing Contractor's responsibility to maintain best management practices of jobsite safety and trench safety while an open trench exists on the jobsite.

Building inspectors, when arriving on site for an inspection, should see as a minimum the following conditions:

- Provide either a ten (10) foot water column or a ten (10) PSI air test on the building sewer; testing with water during winter months is not recommended.
- Sewer pipes shall be installed and fully supported by compacted soil for the entire length of the pipe. Blocks to support pipe to achieve correct fall are not permitted.
- When rock is encountered in trenching, the rock shall be removed to no less than three (3) inches below the installation level of the bottom of the pipe. No rock shall be permitted within twelve (12) inches of the crown of the pipe during the backfilling of the trench.
- Discarded construction material or other debris is not permitted in the trench at any time during backfilling.
- The crown of the building sewer pipe shall not be less than six(6) inches below the finish grade.
- Trenches installed parallel to footings shall not extend below the forty five (45) degree bearing plane of any footing or wall.
- Pipes that pass under a footing or through a foundation wall shall be protected by pipe sleeves. Sleeves shall be two(2) pipe diameters larger than the pipe they protect.
- Cleanouts are required at the junction of the building drain and building sewer; located not more than one hundred (100) feet apart; at each change of direction greater than forty five (45).degrees; and within ten (10) feet of the public right of way.
- Building sewer and water service pipe shall be separated by a minimum of five (5) feet of undisturbed or compacted soil.

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