

## PURPOSE

This policy establishes the procedures and responsibilities for addressing sewer line blockages within the Town of Delisle's corporate limits when caused by tree roots.

## SCOPE

This policy applies to all individual service lines running from the Town's main sewer lines to service locations, regardless of property boundaries, and includes residential, commercial, and industrial properties within the corporate limits of Delisle.

## DEFINITIONS

CAO - Chief Administrative Officer

## POLICY STATEMENT

1. The Town recognizes the significant environmental, social, and economic benefits of trees, including their role in improving quality of life, public health, and climate resilience. However, tree roots can extend beyond property lines, and it is often impossible to determine whether roots causing sewer blockages originate from trees on private or Town property.
2. The Town offers a drain snake for residents to use at no cost..
3. Once per calendar year, the Town will cover 50% of the cost of hiring a commercial contractor to clear an individual sewer line blockage caused by tree roots between the main connection and the property's service location.
  - a. The blockage must not be caused by the property owner or occupants
  - b. The invoice must include video footage clearly showing tree roots as the cause.
    - i. If video inspection incurs an additional charge beyond the clearing cost, the Town will cover 100% of the video cost.
4. Up to a maximum of once every calendar year, the Town will pay 50% of the cost of a commercial contractor for foaming a sewer line
  - a. This service may be provided by Town. If Town staff perform this service, the property owner/occupant will be billed for 50% of the chemical cost.
5. The CAO is authorized to approve payments under this policy when all conditions are met.

## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

**Chief Administrative Officer**

*Review and update this policy annually*

## CERTIFICATION

I, Damon Werrell, Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Delisle, hereby certify that this policy was duly approved by Council (Resolution # 180-25):



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Damon Werrell  
Chief Administrative Officer