



# Policy

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YPSILANTI COMMUNITY UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' POLICY  
YCUA Administration Building  
2777 State Road  
Ypsilanti, MI 48198-9112

## SANITARY AND WATER SERVICES

### General

1. Unauthorized use of water and/or sewer services shall be considered theft of service and treated accordingly, including but not limited to reimbursement of costs and criminal prosecution.
2. YCUA will perform no work outside of the public right-of way, excluding meter installation and/or repair, unless YCUA has determined that it is in the best interest of the Authority to perform said work.
3. Unless otherwise indicated, the house side of the sidewalk will be considered to be the property line.

### Water

1. No person except an authorized employee of YCUA shall operate a curb stop or gate valve without prior approval of the Water System Supervisor or his/her designee.
2. YCUA will charge the property owner for repairs to a curb stop, curb box, and/or service line if the preceding were damaged during the course of the owner or his/her designee attempting to operate a curb stop or gate valve without prior approval of the Water System Supervisor or his/her designee.
3. No person except an authorized employee of YCUA shall remove, repair, or in any way tamper with a meter installed by YCUA.
4. The property owner is responsible for all plumbing within a structure, as well as within a particular piece of property, with the noted exception of the meter(s) and tailpieces.
5. If it becomes necessary to change the meter, and in the opinion of YCUA the meter cannot be changed without damage to the existing plumbing, the property owner shall be required to replace the existing plumbing as necessary to allow for a meter change without damage to the plumbing within the structure.

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6. The property owner is responsible for maintaining meter pits, meter pit covers, and all plumbing within the meter pit(s).
7. The property owner shall be held responsible for any arid all damage to the meter, remote register, and/or meter wiring caused by vandalism, frost, hot water, and / or theft.

**Sewer**

1. The property owner will be responsible for cleaning their sewer service lead; including, but not limited to, scheduling and payment.
2. YCUA will reimburse the property owner up to \$150 for sewer lead cleaning only if the following conditions have been met:
  - a. YCUA was contacted to check the sewer main before a plumber was called to clean the service.
  - b. The service lead blockage was caused by roots from a City / Township tree.
  - c. The plumber is successful in clearing the root obstruction from the sewer service lead.
3. YCUA will discontinue the practice of accepting direct billing from private sewer cleaning companies effective February 1, 2007. YCUA will pay the cleaning companies directly only when YCUA has requested the services of said company.
4. If trees are located on both sides of the property line and it is impossible to determine which tree has caused the root problem within the service lead, YCUA will reimburse the property owner up to \$75.
5. If the City / Township side of the sewer has been replaced with PVC, and the property owner has not replaced their side, YCUA will reimburse the property owner up to \$75 for cleaning a service of roots from a City / Township tree.
6. In the event that YCUA staff have erred in recommending that the property owner contact a private sewer cleaning company to clean the sewer service lead, and that physical damage on the City / Township side is found to be the cause of the problem in the sewer service lead, YCUA will reimburse the property owner for the full cost of cleaning the sewer service lead up to a maximum of \$300.
7. YCUA will not reimburse property owners for TV inspection of their service leads unless authorized by the Transmission and Distribution Supervisor or his/her designee before the inspection occurs.

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