

## **Blog: Homeowner's Guide to Sewer Line Replacement in Atlanta**

### **Checklist: How to Prevent Clogs that Lead to Sewer Line Replacement in Atlanta**

One of the best ways to prevent the need for sewer line replacement in Atlanta is to prevent clogs from happening in the first place. Some issues that lead to clogs are simply beyond your control, such as structural issues with the home and problems with the soil and ground around your home. However, other types of clogs can result from avoidable human error. These are the types of clogs that you can avoid.

Ready to take a proactive approach to preventing clogs in the sewer line? Here is an anti-clog checklist that can save you from costly sewer line replacement and other repairs:

1. Prevent buildup in your pipes by giving them a healthy cleanse every few days. Check with a professional plumber for recommendations on a solution you can use to clean and maintain your plumbing system. Avoid taking tips from random articles on the internet, because following some of the tips you find online may actually damage your plumbing and make the situation worse!
2. One of the most common ways drains get clogged is via the natural stream of debris, hair and food that run through them. In order to help prevent long-term clogs and build-up, fill the basin or bathtub with water. Once the basin or tub is full, pull out the stopper and let the water drain out. The sudden pressure should help push down any buildup, allowing the pipes to remain clear.
3. Prevent by watching what you put down the drain and toilets, and make sure everyone in your household understands the dos and don'ts of the plumbing system. Just say no to putting things into the drain that will cause the pipes to back up, such as everything from hair to grease to large bits of food. Scrape food off of the plates and put the debris into the garbage so the food and grease doesn't get caught in your drain.
4. Avoid drain cleaners made with harsh chemicals. They are extremely hard on metal pipes, causing them to corrode, rust, and break down over time. Use enzyme/bacteria-based cleaners instead. They'll make good bacteria that will fight and eliminate the bad, clog-causing bacteria. Always check with your trusted local plumber for recommendations.
5. Never wash coffee grounds down the drain. They are one of the biggest culprits of all when it comes to items that cause clogs. Throw them in the garbage, but you can also recycle them instead if you prefer. For example, the coffee grounds make wonderful compost for your garden!

If you need recommendations or service from a professional plumber you can trust, don't forget to connect with Morningside Plumbing. We have all the advice you need to know about sewer line replacement in Atlanta, including how to prevent clogs and issues in the first place.