

## Sanitary Sewer Lateral Abandonment Process

In order to suspend the monthly sewer billing from the Municipal Authority of the Town of Bloomsburg (MATB) the following procedure must be completed. Should a sewer connection need to be made to a retired or abandoned connection, it will be treated as a new connection and all associated tap and/or connections fees will apply:

1. When demolishing any resident or commercial building the connecting sewer lateral must be abandoned. A sewer lateral abandonment permit from MATB must be in hand prior to the abandonment work. The permits are available at the MATB office. It is requested that the permit be applied for 72 hours prior to the work being completed. Information on permits is available by calling the MATB's administrative office at 570.784.5422 during normal business hours.
2. All sewer laterals that are abandoned must be capped as close to the curbing as possible.
3. The lateral must be capped with a manufactured watertight cap of the same material as the pipe if the piping is other than terra cotta piping. In regard to abandonment of terra cotta laterals, the use of a watertight mechanical plug or "Fernco" style adapting cap is required. The cap and the end of the lateral shall be encased in a good quality concrete mixture sufficient enough to protect the capped lateral from future damage.
4. An MATB inspection must occur prior to the placement of the concrete and the backfilling process. A fee of \$100 will be charged for the inspection and at least 24-48 hours' notice must be given for this inspection. Inspections can be scheduled by calling 570.784.5422 during normal business hours.